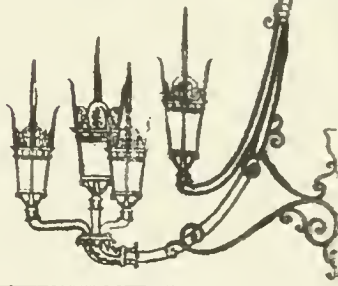




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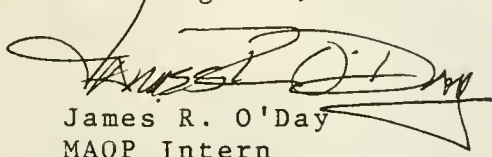
Dear Shirley:

I would like to express my gratitude to you and the Boston Redevelopment Authority for supporting the Massachusetts Association for Olmsted Parks' inventory project. This funding was critical to continue the research.

Heretofore, there has been little information regarding the Olmsted's involvement in Boston's smaller parks and playgrounds. I feel that some headway has been made, and that we have a better understanding of the firm's influence.

I have enclosed a copy of the report. I hope that you find it informative and perhaps helpful when determining planning strategies for these historic landscapes.

Best regards,

  
James R. O'Day  
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THE ROLE OF THE OLMSTED FIRM IN THE  
DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN OF BOSTON'S  
SMALL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND PUBLIC SQUARES  
1897 - 1915

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## INTRODUCTION

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The Massachusetts Association for Olmsted Parks has initiated an inventory project on the history, design, and current status of parks planned by Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr., his sons and successors. This report is a collaborative effort of the Massachusetts Association for Olmsted Parks, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, and the Environmental Intern Program/Northeast. Funding for this project was supported by an award from the Project Assistance Fund of the CEIP Fund, Inc., of Boston, Massachusetts, through its Division, EIP/Northeast. The Boston Redevelopment Authority was also instrumental in supporting the research.

The purpose and scope of this four-week research project was to inventory small parks, playgrounds, and public squares attributed to the Olmsted landscape architectural firm. These small projects were commissioned within the City of Boston. The approximate dates of the projects commissioned to the Olmsteds range from 1896 to 1915. Many of the designs researched in this report represent the firm's work during the playground movement in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

The Olmsteds' involvement in many of these lesser-known projects has been a mystery. Charles Beveridge in The Olmsted Legacy of Public Design has compiled a listing of 99 individual Boston projects considered to be Olmsted jobs. Although a systematic listing of the projects was an accomplishment in itself,



there was little evidence to indicate just how much work the firm had done or if it ever implemented any of its designs. Beveridge is careful to point out: "The fact that there is a job number for a specific park or public space . . . does not mean that the firm planned or designed the entirety of that space or that the designs were actually implemented."

The Boston projects are scattered throughout the Boston metropolitan area. Olmsted Brothers designs, commissioned either for the Parks Department or the Public Grounds Department, can be found in Boston proper, South Boston, East Boston, Brighton, Charlestown, Roxbury, and Dorchester. A large percentage of these designs were concentrated in the Roxbury and Dorchester area. In fact, Olmsted Project #950 incorporated well over 30 designs in Roxbury and Dorchester alone.

A great deal of research was required to determine whether the Olmsted Brothers actually did execute their designs, and still much is unknown. Examination of plans, park reports, town histories, historic photographs, and field inspections helped in determining the extent of the firm's actual involvement.

Thirty-nine sites were investigated in this report. Some of these designs were the product of the City's realization that green spaces were desperately needed for neighborhood children. This spawned Boston's interest in creating play areas and open spaces throughout the districts. The projects represent the work of John Charles Olmsted, Frederick Olmsted, Jr., and Charles Eliot. The works studied in this report should not be associated with Frederick





Law Olmsted, Sr., who had retired in 1895. The firm's involvement in these sites did not begin until 1897, which was after the elder Olmsted's retirement.

This report has made some headway in determining the Olmsted connection with these smaller Boston projects. We have learned to some extent the nature of their involvement, yet more research is needed. It is the hope of the Massachusetts Association for Olmsted Parks to renew the community's interest in these open spaces and to eventually recognize the "lesser-known" Olmsted influence within Boston's urban landscape. The ultimate goal would be a comprehensive planning scheme that will be cognizant of the intentions of the original landscape architect. Unfortunately, many of these landscapes have been altered or destroyed or perhaps were never executed according to the Olmsted Brothers' intentions.

Most importantly, the projects presented in this report represent the landscape philosophy of the Olmsteds and that of Charles Eliot. However abused or neglected, the projects are the result of visionary and innovative concepts in urban planning.

This report is divided into several sections that will present the research in a logical, orderly fashion.

- Introduction
- Purpose and Scope
- Repository Guide
- Historic Development and Analysis
- Inventory
- Appendices

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## PURPOSE AND SCOPE

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The Massachusetts Association for Olmsted Parks, formed in 1981, is a non-profit corporation committed to the appreciation and preservation of the contribution which Frederick Law Olmsted and his successors have made to the Massachusetts landscape.

It was the MAOP's desire to inventory and research the Olmsted-attributed projects within the Boston metropolitan area. Creating interest and support for historic urban spaces is the first step toward their preservation.

Whereas the Boston Redevelopment Authority's interest is in the development of urban areas, the Massachusetts Association for Olmsted Parks found it advantageous to collaborate with the BRA to investigate the Olmsteds' involvement in the Roxbury and Dorchester districts.

The Boston Redevelopment Authority has focused its attention on Roxbury, which has a number of landscapes that have been attributed to the Olmsted firm. Franklin Park and Franklin Field are two of the more well known Olmsted designs in the area. However, Roxbury contains smaller parks that have been linked to the Olmsteds. These smaller works are the subject of this report.

The BRA has prepared a preservation plan for the historic and cultural resources in the Dudley area and for the aggregate of Roxbury. The Dudley Report states:





An ambitious, comprehensive long-term park strategy is suggested to provide a historic, geographic and functional link between Dudley Square and its past, the city of Boston, and its activity nodes. (1)

To realize these plans, the BRA has developed several strategies to preserve and enhance elements of the built and natural environment in Roxbury.

- Preservation will anchor Dudley to its past, restore its place in history, and preserve its heritage; 45 buildings are eligible for the National Register. Such preservation provides a sense of place and human scale in the face of proposed economic growth.
- Give distinctive identities to major streets using different trees, landscaping, and other amenities such as special lighting, paving, a specific type of tree, etc.
- Connect Dudley to Olmsted's Emerald Necklace with 14 miles of landscaped boulevards and 15.5 acres of new parkland salvaged from abandoned sites. (2)

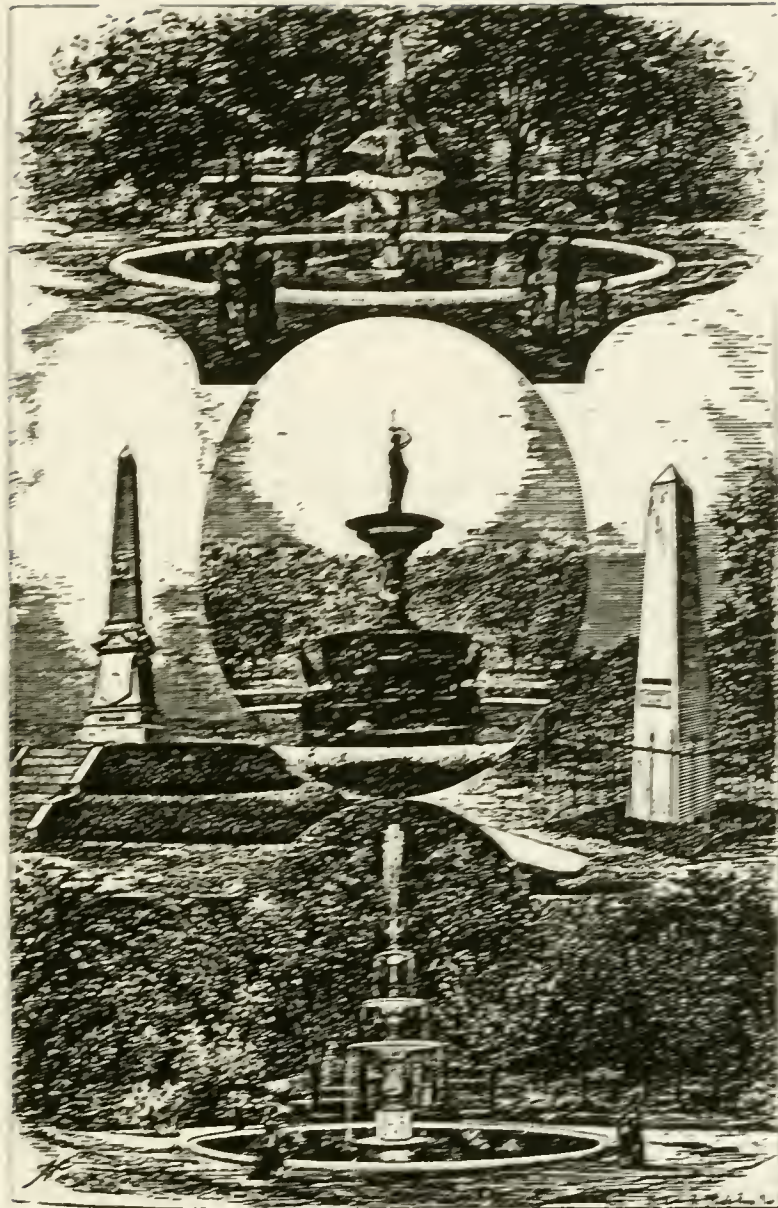
The BRA's development scheme has a preservation orientation. The plans pay attention to both the restoration of the built (architectural) and natural (landscape) environment. Their plan emphasizing green space preservation as well as architectural preservation is a formidable step within the redevelopment focus. Landscapes reflect, just as buildings do, the history and character of an area. Roxbury was at one point rich in open spaces that



allowed its citizens an opportunity to enjoy nature. Many remnants of these spaces exist but have suffered as the neighborhoods declined. These sites were even recommended as a place for tourists to visit by the guidebooks published around the turn of the century. Renewal of these landscapes into attractive and inviting spaces will create a more liveable environment.

Therefore, any additional information which would assist the BRA with its planning and preservation decisions was important. Preservation, restoration, and reconstruction of these historic landscapes is a measurable step closer if documentation verifying their significance is available to planners and landscape architects.





1. Fountain, Union Square.      4. Fountain, Copley Square.      5. Fountain, Sullivan Square.  
 2. Dr. William S. Gilman's Monument.      3. Harvard Monument.

MONUMENTS AND FOUNTAINS IN BOSTON.

EXAMPLES OF THE FINE STATUARY THAT ONCE  
 GRACED BOSTON'S OPEN SPACES. CIRCA 1900.  
 (KING'S HANDBOOK OF BOSTON 1900)





Throughout the research process, various repositories were used to locate more information concerning the Olmsteds' work in the Boston parks. It is important to include in this report the institutions that proved useful.

I. Boston City Hall

Parks and Recreation Department. This department has a collection of the Annual Park Department Reports since the department's creation in the 1870s. The collection is incomplete, however, and the Boston Public Library has a more comprehensive collection.

Engineering Department. Engineering has an index of plans for the Boston parks. (Plans are stored at the L Street Bath House in South Boston.) They also have on file a collection of plans that have been put on micro-fiche. These proved very helpful in determining if the plans came from the Olmsted firm, and eliminated extra trips to L Street Bath House.

City Councillors' Office. The City Councillor has a limited but useful collection of City Council Minutes. The office also has other books regarding the history of Boston and its surrounding districts. However, City Council gave the



greater part of its collection to the Boston Public Library when it was decided that the BPL could better manage this resource.

Boston Redevelopment Authority Library. This library contains mostly reports produced by the BRA since its creation in the 1950s. It is not a repository of historical records.

## II. Boston Public Library

Library Print Department. It has a collection of historic photographs and other graphic materials which may aid the researcher to reconstruct sites through visual images.

Fine Arts Department. It has a series of articles concerning landscape and planning issues, both historic and contemporary.

## III. Bostonian Society

This private non-profit organization has a wealth of information concerning the history of Boston and its development. Local histories, guidebooks, and historic photographs are the Society's strength.

## IV. Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site

Because the Olmsted collection has not been processed, materials are not available fully. Other sources mentioned in this guide should be consulted first. Published sources found in other repositories will often provide the most information regarding the actual work carried out on a site. After secondary published information is gathered, primary sources can be explored.





V. Massachusetts Historial Society

This society has a valuable collection of materials concerning the history of Boston. However, the Society concerns itself with the history of the entire Commonwealth, not just that of Boston. Therefore, more localized resource centers that concentrate principally on Boston history and have a collection of documents regarding Boston would be a logical starting place.

VI. Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities

The SPNEA is another organization that concerns itself with a broad geographic spectrum of historic materials. The library at SPNEA does have a photographic collection and has conducted a preliminary inventory of the photographs it has of Olmsted parks. However, the collection is limited.

VII. Harvard University

Loeb Library/Graduate School of Design. The Loeb has a comprehensive collection of material (micro-filmed senior papers) regarding the Olmsted family and the work of the firm. This is an invaluable resource center for anyone researching Olmsted projects. Primary and secondary documents can be found here as well as lantern slides of the Boston park system.

VIII. Metropolitan District Commission Archives

This agency has an abundance of materials regarding the works of the MDC's predecessor, the Metropolitan Parks Commission.



The Commission's annual reports; correspondence with Olmsted, Olmsted, and Eliot; lantern slides; and Sanborn maps are just a part of this collection. This is a particularly valuable repository when researching Olmsted projects because of the extensive work the firm did with the MDC.



## HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS

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The small urban parks, playgrounds, and public squares researched for this inventory have varying degrees of historic significance. Some sites have a history as old as the towns themselves. Savin Hill, for example, has long been a part of Dorchester. An excerpt from Good Old Dorchester states:

Savin Hill was known as "Rocky Hill" during the first hundred years of settlement and later it was called "Old Hill" because it was here that the first inhabitants settled. Joseph Tuttle gave it the modern name when he came into possession of the old Weswell Estate in 1822. The name "Savin" is the scientific name of the red cedars with which this locality is covered. (3)

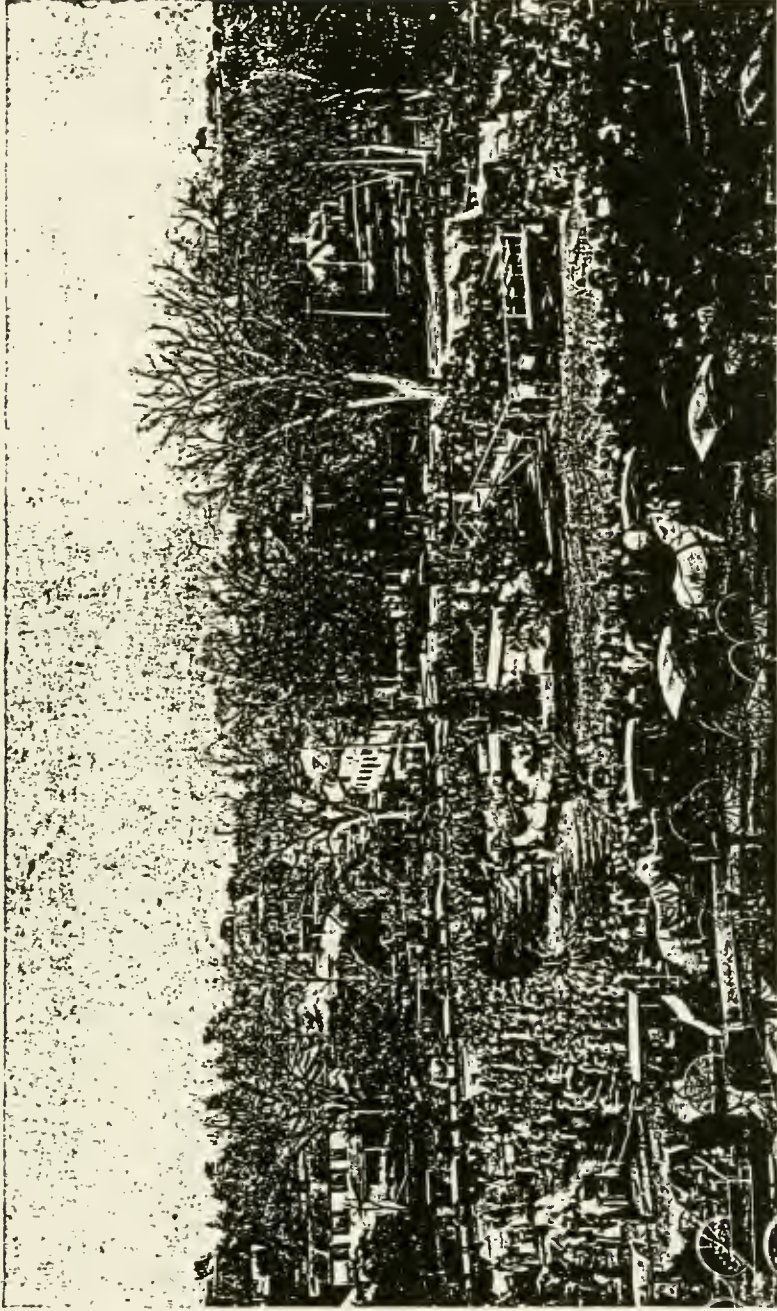
Dorchester Square, currently known as Donovan Park, was once the town's common: "Dorchester Common at Meeting House Hill has been preserved for the use of the people from earliest times. It has long been a park, and contains a soldiers monument in honor of the Dorchester men who served in the Civil War." (4)

Eaton Square, which adjoins the Common on the west, "was the center of the community at the time of the Revolution . . . here was Eaton's store and tavern. . . . Eaton Square is now a small but well kept park in honor of Theodore Lyman, Mayor of Boston." (5)

Thus, the open spaces that have survived into this century have







#### EATON SQUARE

*Dorchester citizens are assembled here for the dedication of the Lyman Fountain*  
LARGE FOUNTAINS LIKE THE ONE ILLUSTRATED WERE CHARACTERISTIC  
OF THE SMALL OPEN SPACES AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY.  
(KING'S HANDBOOK OF BOSTON 1900)



a rich, historic past. Other sites researched for this inventory, however, are as recent as the latter part of the nineteenth century. Their creation was the result of real estate development that occurred in Roxbury and Dorchester in the 1870s. They are pigeon-holed throughout the districts and are unique examples of late nineteenth century urban planning. An example of these more "recent" residential parks or squares can be seen duplicated in varying fashions throughout Roxbury and Dorchester. These sites are characteristically small plots of land encircled by quiet streets and large houses built for the middle and upper-middle class.

Despite present conditions, one can sense the ambience that these compositions once possessed. Dutch Colonial, Queen Anne, Shingle, and Colonial Revival are the architectural styles that surround these open spaces. These sites in the Roxbury/Dorchester area vary from symmetrical and formal in character to less formal, irregularly shaped spaces. The sites are seldom larger than 1/2 acre. Their intended use was for aesthetics. They are, for the most part, too small to accommodate any active or recreational use.

Their raison d'etre was to join the individual houses into a unified composition or a neighborhood. Unlike the more formal and older squares in Boston's South End (which were laid out in the 1850s and 1860s), Roxbury's and Dorchester's squares show no indication of ever having elaborate iron fencing or amenities such as ornamental fountains.

The land boom that affected Roxbury and Dorchester in the 1870s



must be briefly analyzed to gain an historic perspective of its green space development. For the purposes of this report, an historic "sketch" will suffice. It was this area's rapid and unplanned development that necessitated the Olmsted firm's involvement in this area because they were later called in to plan green spaces that had initially been left out.

Sam Bass Warner's Streetcar Suburbs: The Process of Growth in Boston (1870-1900) documents the dynamics of the period. Roxbury and Dorchester, prior to their annexation to Boston in the 1860s, were predominately rural. Large farmsteads covered the land, and Boston's growth was contained principally on the Shawmut peninsula. Roxbury's idyllic, pastoral days came to an end by the 1870s, when Boston could not help but spill over into its surrounding environs. Many factors contributed to the migration of the middle class into these new "suburban" developments. Warner cites the wave of European immigrants forcing old Bostonians out. The threat of the immigrants and the new availability of public transportation made living outside the city-proper feasible.

As a result, real estate once devoted primarily to agricultural purposes became subject to land speculators and a massive building boom. The very nature of this area's rapid development was the chief reason that no thought was paid to park planning. In fact, the entire area seems to be lacking in any comprehensive scheme of planning. Land speculators were interested in only one thing: a large return on their land investment. This necessitated putting as





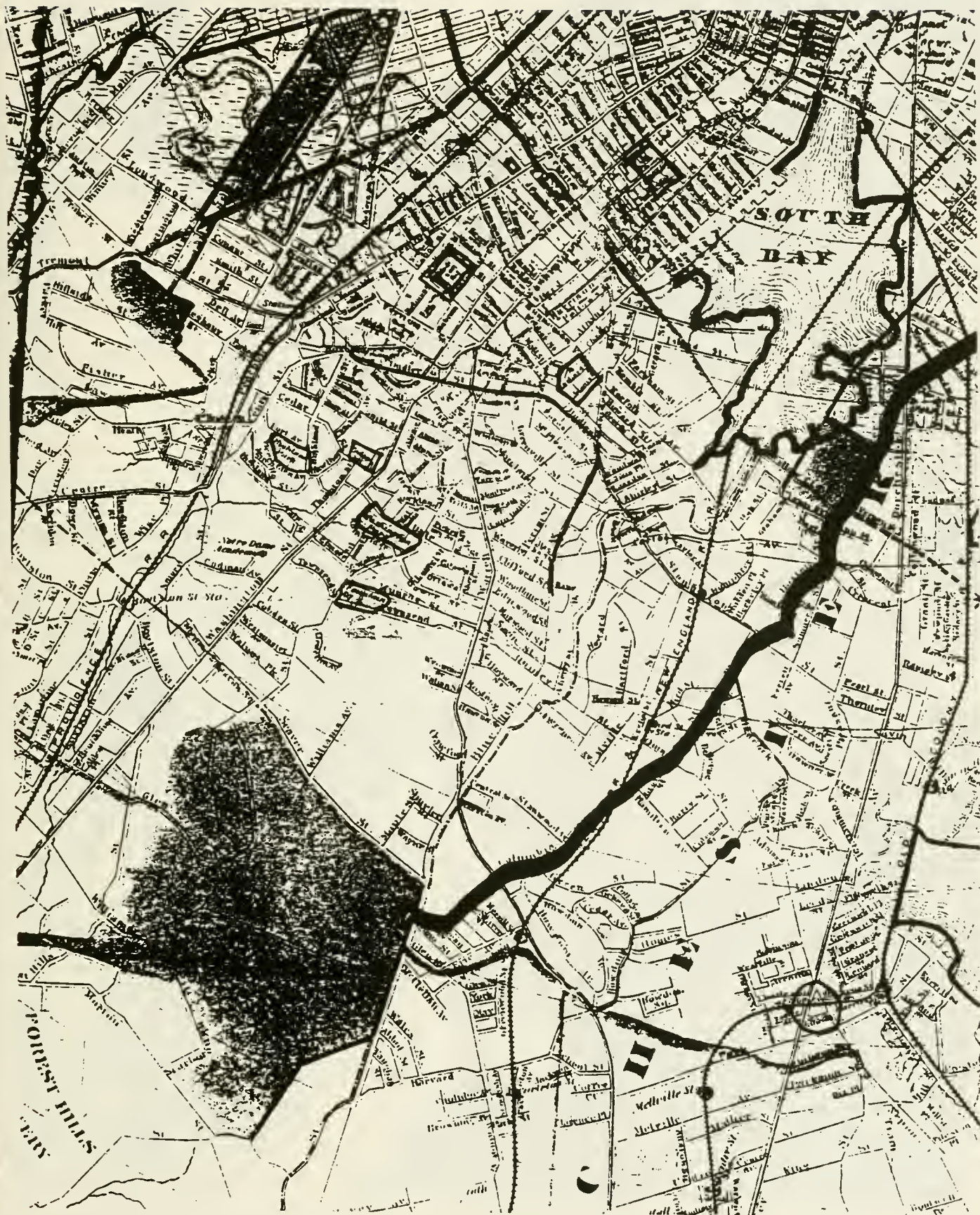
many housing units on a parcel of land as possible. Any vacant land represented a poor return to the developer. Aesthetics were not a priority. Thus, housing for the middle class sprang up quickly and on very close quarters that lacked adequate "breathing" spaces. Warner states, "The houses in lower Roxbury were built from stock plans and with stock ornamentation." (6) This is an example of the generic character that resulted with the area's speculative development.

Street planning was as unimaginative as the stock architecture. "The grid plan of the suburbs did not concern itself with the public. It was an economically efficient geometry which divided large parcels of land as they came to the market. The arrangement of the blocks of grid depended largely upon what farm or estate came on the market at what time." (7)

In spite of the unchecked growth, some areas devoted to the more affluent suburbanites grew at a more controlled rate. Roxbury Highlands was one such district. King's Handbook of Boston, a nineteenth century guidebook, describes the highlands: "The streets in the highlands district are broad and remarkably attractive, winding over the rocky and uneven surface. Many of them adorned shade trees . . . the highlands being sought by those well-to-do citizens." (8) This desire to retain the landscape and to make pleasing liveable spaces was the impetus that created the many small parks and squares that were later to be the subject of the Olmsted Brothers landscape firm.



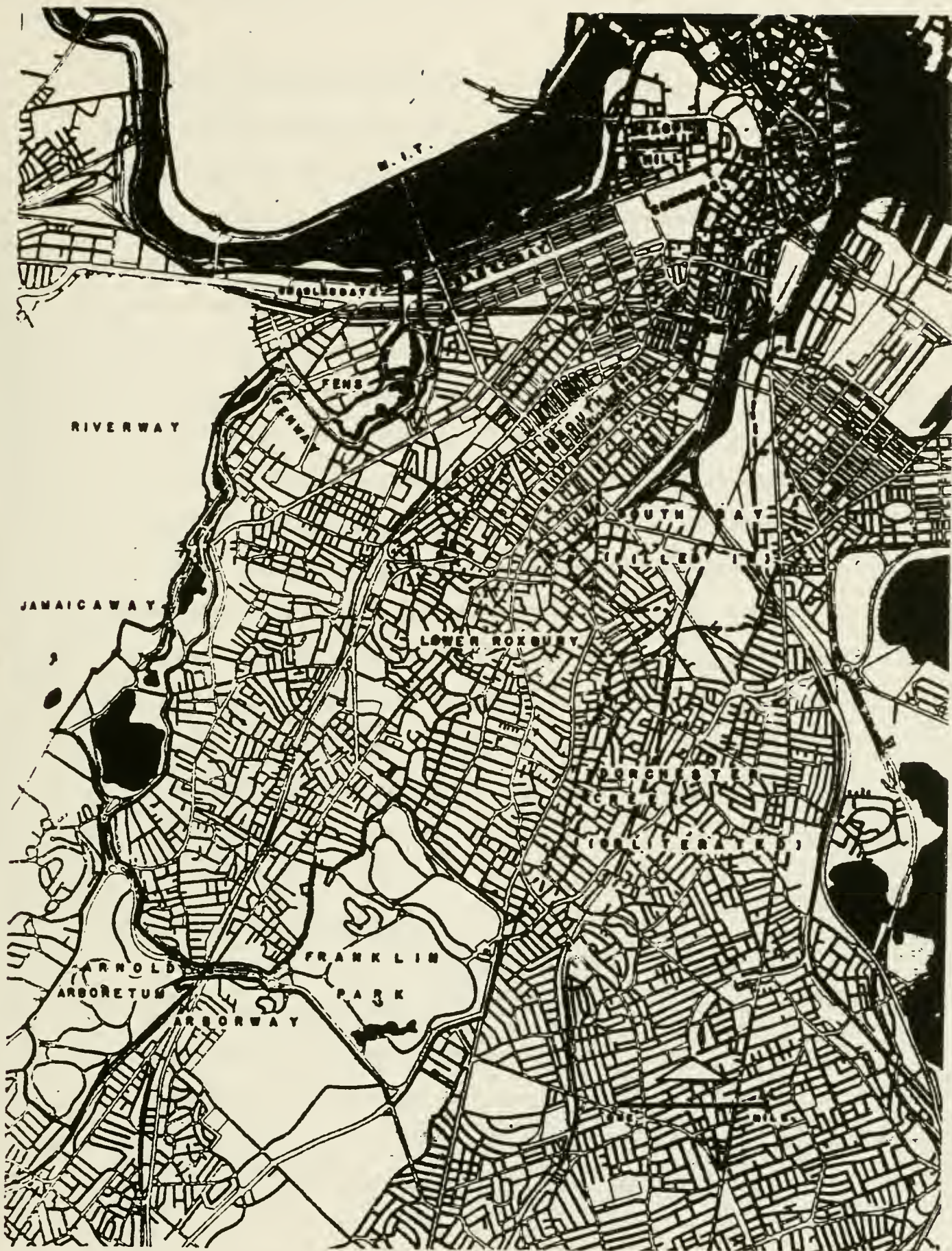




AN 1872 CITY ATLAS ILLUSTRATES A DEVELOPING CITYSCAPE. BLACK LINE DENOTES PROPOSED STRANDWAY. NOTE: SOUTH BAY HAS NOT YET BEEN FILLED.







A CONTEMPORARY MAP ILLUSTRATES THE DEVELOPED CITYSCAPE. NOTICEABLY ABSENT IS THE STRANDWAY AND SOUTH BAY.





Roxbury, prior to the building of Forest Hills Cemetery, had no policy for the creation of parks. To alleviate this situation, private citizens took action. Residents created their own small squares and parks. "These green spaces were the result of gifts and prodding by highland residents who wished to preserve some of the garden character of the town in the face of advancing streets and houses." (9) Today Eliot, Cedar, Linwood, and Lewis Squares are the survivors from this late nineteenth century city planning.

Another explanation for the absence of green spaces in Roxbury and Dorchester can be attributed to the Boston Park Department's land policy. The park department carefully avoided land which was thought to be suited to private construction, taking instead the marshes and uplands at the edge of areas then building. (10)

Obviously, park planning was secondary to the pressures of real estate developers. This neglect was to aggravate the City's later development. By the 1890s making spaces available to the citizens of Roxbury and Rochester couldn't be ignored. Open spaces were becoming a critical necessity.

#### Boston Playground Development

Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston in the 1890s, realized the necessity of the neighborhood playground. He set out on an ambitious city-wide playground project.

By 1891 a few playgrounds had been developed. When Mayor Quincy came into office in 1896, a definite policy was adopted. He wanted every ward to have a playground. (11) The Park Commissioners



approved Quincy's proposal and established legislation in 1898 for the purpose of creating a comprehensive system of playgrounds. Initially, a loan of \$500,000 was set aside to carry out the plan. The funds, however, were limited, and no more than \$200,000 could be spent in a year. (12)

Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr., and later Charles Eliot, pushed Boston for the establishment of more open spaces. In an 1883 report to the Park Commissioners, Olmsted stated, "The city has been for ten years preparing to enter upon a farsighted and comprehensive scheme of public recreation-grounds which cannot be fully worked out in many years. . . ." (13)

Olmsted was of course referring specifically to the system of park land and sanitation improvement that has come to be known as the Emerald Necklace.

The recognition of Boston's great need for green spaces was also urged by Charles Eliot. It was his guidance that saw many visionary projects to fruition. The following remarks were written by Eliot, stressing the importance of open lands. They appeared in an essay in Garden and Forest:

Boston and her widespread suburbs should, for its own best health, provide itself with all possible open spaces in the form of public squares and playgrounds . . . large areas outside the old city are wholly unprovided with public open spaces. (14)

Eliot's persistence did produce results. In 1893 the Commonwealth passed an act "to authorize cities and towns to establish and maintain Public Playgrounds." (15)





Again in 1900, seven years later, the Park Department was still discussing the subject.

The necessity of acquiring more lands for playgrounds in different parts of the city becomes every year more evident. The most crowded parts of the city are either entirely unsupplied with proper breathing spaces or are very inadequately provided with playgrounds. . .  
. (16)

It was agreed that the city would authorize another million dollars for playgrounds during the coming years. The proposed areas were to be one to six acres in size.

Eliot conceived a comprehensive "scientific" plan that was to be the underpinning of the entire metropolitan park system. The plan for the city would include:

- Spaces on the ocean front--public beaches.
- Public land as much as possible on the shores and islands of the Bay.
- The courses of the larger tidal estuaries for reservations.
- Numerous small squares, playgrounds, and parks in the midst of dense populations. (17)

The last point made by Eliot demonstrates the firm's (Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot) interest in providing small recreational sites and open spaces for Boston. Ideally, the smaller sites would supplement the overall park system by providing local areas for active recreation. Despite the seemingly utilitarian purposes of these sites or their insignificance in comparison to more grandiose projects, they



reflect an integral element of the entire design scheme of the city. They also reflect the historic development of urban planning and parks planning.

Below is a listing of the plans for Boston's playgrounds found at the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site (FLOHNS), which was the office of the Olmsted Brothers. These are the Roxbury and Dorchester small parks and playgrounds. (See Appendix B.)

<u>Number of Plans at FLOHNS</u>		<u>Name of Project</u>	<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.	10	Columbia Road Plg.	911	1897	NE
2.	9	Billings Field	904	1897	E
3.	7	Fellows Street Plg.	915	1897	NE
4.	6	Dorchester Avenue Plg.	914	1897	E
5.	3	Freeport Street Plg.	919	1897	NE
6.	4	Kemp Street Plg.	921	1897	NE
7.	12	Dorchester Park	912	1894	E
8.	11	M Street Plg.	925	1896	E
9.	18	Neponset Avenue Plg.	---	1896	?
10.	2	Horatio Harris Square	957	1896	E
11.	7	Orchard Park	938	1913	E

E = Extant  
NE = Nonextant

Presenting the projects in list form gives one a clearer mental image of the scope of the firm's work. The majority of the work was done in 1897; however, some projects predate or postdate that year. A brief description of the plans can be seen in Appendix B. (Note: This list does not present Job #950. A separate list has been prepared for that project.)



## CHARACTER OF PLAYGROUNDS

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The plans prepared by Olmsted, Olmsted, and Eliot for the Boston playgrounds were utilitarian in function and design. Plans indicate that sites included men's and women's gymnasiums, running tracks, children's play areas, sand courts, and site location of buildings. These plans dealt with preliminary concerns such as boundaries, plans of streets, and topographical surveys. The plans seldom go into great detail concerning planting plans or a rendering of the architectural design of the shelters or buildings to be placed on the site. For example, a plan for Dorchester Avenue Playground (currently Gibson-Doherty Playground) shows the plan of a pergola but no other details. "What this ever built?" is a question which in many cases is difficult to answer. Of the eleven aforementioned projects, only six exist today. The remaining five projects were probably never built.

It is often difficult to "reconstruct" the history of these projects. Park Department records can sometimes be inconclusive. In such cases, the plans of the project are helpful. For example, one can deduce that the greater number of plans the Olmsted firm produced, the greater their involvement was in the project. However, this is not often the case. The firm may have drawn plans that were never executed. For Columbia Road Playground (#911), also



known as Mercer Street Playground, there was a preliminary plan drawn up by "F.L. & J.C. Olmsted" on July 6, 1897, but evidence indicates that this project was never executed.

The following scenario traces the development of Dorchester Park through the Park Department Records. Other than the subtle referral to a "landscape architect," there is no mention of the Olmsteds. It is only by piecing together the clues that one can discover "who did what."

1893 Report:

Dorchester Park

The beauties of this park in its natural state are such and it affords access to the public so well, that we do not see need of expanding anything upon it for years to come. . . . (18)

1894 Report:

Dorchester Park

A topographical map of this park is being made to give the landscape Architects [Olmsted, Olmsted, and Eliot] the necessary data for preparation of a plan for laying it out. (19)

1899 Report:

Dorchester Park

Stone walls of seam-faced granite have been built at Dorchester Park . . . another season is required to finish important work. Ground behind wall has been prepared for planting. (20)

Interestingly, the Olmsteds' design for Dorchester Park was as





subtle as the report's mention of the firm. Today the park is still in a natural setting, and there is little evidence of any major re-design of the topography. A rustic stone wall abutts Dorchester Avenue, and a driveway winds through the site. There are no structural elements such as bridges or shelters.

Boston Park Department Reports 1896-1900 indicate a flurry of land purchases for park/playground purposes. Land was purchased for Neponset Avenue playground, Billings Field, Freeport Street, Fellows Street Playground, and M Street Playground (Olmsted Projects # ?, #904, #919, #915, #925, respectively).

The Commission report stated that it was "laboring to make the parks natural in appearance and simple in detail. . . ." (21) This excerpt gives us some explanation why there are so few plans and just what their intentions were for design. The report concluded: " . . . and it [Park Department] believes that no unnecessary buildings, walks, or drives should be allowed to interfere with the design and rural character of the parks in its charge." (22)

Thus, park records show that the landscape architects' role was to keep the areas as natural as possible. If this was the case, one wonders if the landscape architects' redesign of the landscape was that significant. Of course, preliminary plans and topographical maps must be drawn (and evidence of these Olmsted drawings exists). But if the Parks Commission wanted amenities kept to a minimum, then the landscape architects' services were limited. Perhaps the



designs the Olmsteds suggested for these sites were too extreme and therefore not approved. This conclusion is merely speculative and has not been documented.

Some unanswered questions regarding the Olmsted Brothers' degree of involvement were solved by Cynthia Zaitzevsky. In an interview with Zaitzevsky, author of Frederick Law Olmsted and the Boston Park System, at the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site on January 31, 1985, some "unknowns" were answered.

The Olmsteds had an undoubtedly lengthy involvement with the City of Boston and developing its park system. However, after 1897 the Olmsteds were no longer held on retainer by the Parks Commission. In 1897 the young Charles Eliot, a partner with the Olmsteds, had died. It is unclear whether Eliot's death was a reason for the reverse in arrangements, but it is coincidental. Perhaps Eliot was an influential liaison between the firm and the Commission. His death marked an end of this working relationship. Interestingly, the plans for Boston's playgrounds were commissioned in 1897. Were they drawn up but never executed because of the break-up? This remains a plausible theory. Arthur A. Shurtliff, at one time associated with the Olmsteds in business, ultimately appears to be the Commission's later landscape advisor. Shurtliff appears to have come on board around 1910 and remained with the Commission well into the 1920s and perhaps beyond.

The Olmsteds continued to give advice and consultation after 1897. The 1913 Public Grounds Department project is just one example.



Parks and playgrounds are of a pragmatic character. They are usually one of the most essential ingredients in making an urban area more liveable. Ironically, they are often the last thing to be developed. This is the case with Boston's small parks and playgrounds.

The Olmsted Brothers and Charles Eliot were strong advocates for more localized green areas and worked on numerous projects throughout the 1890s. It is in this time frame that the preliminary plans were drawn up for 14 parks and playgrounds. Included in that list of 14 are the more well known Roxbury Hill Fort and Franklin Field. The list also includes more enigmatic projects such as the Western Avenue Playground (#933), Fellows Street Playground (#915), and Kemp Street Playground (#921). None of these projects exist today, and it is questionable if they were ever more than unexecuted designs. Consequently the difference from "realized" designs by the Olmsteds and "proposals" is vast.



## OLMSTED PROJECT #950: SMALL PUBLIC SQUARES

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Olmsted Project #950 consists of 35 different sites drawn up for the Public Grounds Department. It is unique that one project number was assigned to so many different sites. Very little information existed regarding Project #950. The archives at the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site had a photo album showing some of the sites in 1913. FLONHS had shown no evidence of having any of the plans for #950 from an inventory taken in 1983. It had been speculated as to what the firm's involvement was, and with no plans it was difficult, if not impossible, to come to any conclusions.

A 1910 inventory of public squares for the City of Boston revealed some valuable information. (See 1910 Inventory list.) Compiled on that list are 29 of the 35 sites (the remaining 6 were not listed). The list gives the date of founding or when the square was laid out. This proved valuable because this data is often difficult to find. The address of the sites is also an aid for inventory purposes. The names of squares are chronically subject to being changed. It is often difficult to locate a site if it is not under the same name it was when work was commissioned. In the case of a name change, an address is critical. At any rate, the founding date of the squares reveals that the Olmsteds were not instrumental







VIEW IN CHESTER SQUARE.



Fountain, Blackstone Square.



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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS AND ETCHINGS REFLECT THE FINE QUALITY OF GREEN SPACES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT. THESE PARKS WERE A PART OF OLMSTED PROJECT #950. ILLUSTRATIONS CIRCA 1907.  
(COURTESY: SPNEA)



in designing the original. Olmsted involvement comes 20 years after their inception.

Very little is known about the Public Grounds Department. It was a city agency that was in charge of the "Boston Common and Public Garden and sixty-six urban squares and open spaces devoted to recreative uses." (23) The Public Grounds Department left few records of its activities. There is a 1911 published report regarding the work done on the Common, but there are no annual reports or any detailed information on the 66 public squares that came under its jurisdiction. For the most part, many of the sites that belonged to the Department and that were part of Olmsted Brothers Project #950 are in existence. While some have been obliterated, (Madison Square, Roxbury) and others severely neglected (Harold Square, Roxbury), the others have survived and are recognizable to the 1913 Olmsted plan.

Also, the project includes work on the older squares in Boston's South End. These are similar to the European squares replete with iron picket fencing and multi-tiered cast metal fountains. The South End's formal, symmetrical designs differ from Roxbury's and Dorchester's informal sites. Quite simply, there is no common design "thread" that can be seen in the landscapes. Therefore, we can conclude that the Olmsteds were not involved in the design process of the sites.

The Olmsteds' actual involvement with #950 is inconclusive, but there are some plausible theories:



- Public Grounds Department requested consultation regarding landscape design proposals.
- The Department had intended to make improvements on these sites, but merger with the Department of Parks and Recreation delayed or negated improvements.
- Olmsted's did soil tests for these sites similar to the work they did for the 1911 Common project.
- Olmsted's conducted an inventory for the Public Grounds Department to assess its holdings before it merged with Parks and Recreation.

The plans that the Olmsted Brothers drew for the Public Grounds Department are only topographical. There is no further evidence of more designs, nor are there any notations found on the plans. Archival materials at FLOWNS have yielded little information on the project. There are no planting lists or other plans that are usual parts of a more in-depth job.

It seems plausible to establish that these small squares were not subject to any significant design work by the Olmsted Brothers. The squares and residential 'parks' of Project #990 were random and simple designs. They indicate no extensive landscape features that is characteristically Olmstedian.

Despite its anticlimactic nature, the question that had followed these 35 sites can now be in part answered more clearly.

The fate of the Public Grounds Department, undoubtedly, had an effect on the work the Olmsted Brothers did in 1913. This city





agency was in charge of a vast number of properties throughout the city. Two more famous sites under their stewardship were the Boston Common and the Public Garden. These two areas as well as others were well maintained under their watchful eye. Turn-of-the-century photographs reveal the beauty of the landscape in Independence Square, Chester Square, and Dorchester Square.

In 1913 the Public Grounds Department appears to have been making improvements at some of its sites. The minutes from the city council meetings of the spring of that year indicate that new fencing was to be put on some of its public squares. The superintendent of Public Grounds requested an estimate for the cost of iron fencing for Rutland, Worcester, Concord, and squares and sections of Massachusetts Avenue. The council approved the estimated cost of \$15,000 for public areas along Massachusetts Avenue (from Columbus to Albany) and Rutland, Worcester, and Concord Squares.

In that same year the Public Grounds Department was merged with the Department of Parks and Recreation in an act by Mayor John Fitzgerald. Consequently, the specialized attention these sites received was lost when it was absorbed by a larger agency.

Despite these sites' conditions in 1985, they were once quite scenic and considered beautiful open spaces for Boston's citizens and tourists. King's Handbook of Boston boasted of these areas in the 1900 publication: "In South Boston are two attractive parks . . . Thomas Park and Independence Square . . . a small park called Lincoln Square . . . these are enclosed by iron fences and their







INDEPENDENCE SQUARE.

INDEPENDENCE SQUARE IN SOUTH BOSTON AS IT LOOKED AT  
THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. (KING'S HANDBOOK OF BOSTON  
1900)



paths are well shaded." (24) Historic photographs and plans indicate that Independence Square was characteristically similar to the Public Garden. However, this South Boston site has none of the charm or landscape aesthetic which the Public Garden, today, possesses. The Handbook continued, "In Roxbury district Washington Park contains more than 9 acres . . . other parks are . . . Orchard, Longwood, Walnut, Bromley, Lewis, Linwood, Madison, and Fountain Square." (25) Ironically, only Washington Park and Fountain Square (Horatio Harris) retain a degree of the 1900 integrity. Madison has been destroyed, and the remainder of the listed areas are in a neglected state.



SUMMARY LISTING OF SITES FOR OLMSTED BROTHERS PROJECT #950

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u># of Plans</u>	<u>Status</u>
Belmont Square	Roxbury	1913	1	?
Blackstone Square	Boston	1913	1	E
Brighton Square	Brighton	"	"	E
Bromley	Roxbury	"	"	NE
Cedar Square	Roxbury	"	"	E
Central Square	East Boston	"	"	E
Concord Square	Boston	"	"	E
Dorchester Square	Dorchester	"	"	E
Drohan Square	Dorchester	"	"	E
Eaton Square	Dorchester	"	"	E
Elm Hill Park	Roxbury	"	"	E
Fern Square	Brighton	"	"	E
Harold Square	Roxbury	"	"	E
Heath Square	Roxbury	"	"	E
Independence Square	South Boston	"	"	E
Jackson Square	Brighton	"	"	E
Lewis Park	Roxbury	"	"	E
Lincoln Square	South Boston	"	"	E
Linwood Square	Roxbury	"	"	E
Longwood Square	Roxbury	"	"	E
Louis Pasteur Avenue	Roxbury	"	"	E
Mt. Bowdoin Square	Dorchester	"	"	E
Prescott Square	East Boston	"	"	E
Richardson Square	Dorchester	"	"	E
Rutland Square	Boston	"	"	E
Sparhawk Square	Brighton	"	"	E
Spaulding Square	Dorchester	"	"	E
Thomas Park	South Boston	"	"	E
Tremlett Park	Dorchester	"	"	E
Walnut Park	Roxbury	"	"	E
Waltham Square	Boston	"	"	E
Wellesley Square	Dorchester	"	"	E
Worcester Square	Boston	"	"	E



1910 INVENTORY OF PUBLIC SQUARES LISTED IN THE RECORD OF STREETS  
FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON

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JACKSON SQUARE Roxbury; Opposite 190 & 200 Centre St. and 1500-1520  
Columbus Ave, [No founding date given]

FERN SQUARE Brighton: On Rockland St. and High School Place; now  
called Academy Hill Road [No founding date given]

ELM HILL PARK Roxbury; From 550 Warren St. to Chisholm Park, Laid  
out on June 26, 1882.

LINCOLN SQUARE South Boston; Between E. 4th St. and M Street and  
Emerson Street [No founding date given]

LINWOOD PARK Roxbury; From 28 Centre St. to 29 Linwood Street,  
Name of part of Linwood St. changed to Linwood Sq.  
in 1868. Laid out 1873.

HEATH SQUARE Roxbury; The territory bounded by New Heath St., Heath  
St. and Parker St. named Heath Square on 2-14-1899.  
Same territory had previously been named Highland Spring  
Square in 1894.

INDEPENDENCE SQUARE So. Boston; Between E. Second St. and N Street,  
East Broadway and M Street, Laid out 12-31-1857  
Named 5-10-1859 on site of Old Bush Tree Hill  
named 1710.

TREMLETT PARK Dorchester; From Hooper St. to Waldeck St. Laid out  
as Tremlett Street on 8-10-1893.

BELMONT SQUARE East Boston; Between Seaver, Sumner, Webster and Lam-  
son Sts. Laid out and accepted as a public square  
on 4-4-1853. Named Belmont Sq. in 1883.

BLACKSTONE SQUARE Boston; Between Washington St., West Brookline,  
Shawmut and West Newton st. The square is to be  
forever kept open. Shown on Hale's plan of Boston  
1814 as Columbia Square.

BOWDOIN SQUARE Dorchester; 1904 [no further information printed]

CEDAR SQUARE Roxbury; The inclosure between Cedar St. and Juniper  
St. Formerly the name was applied to a public way of  
irregular shape and as new streets were extended through  
it, the name was applied to the inclosure.





1910 INVENTORY OF PUBLIC SQUARES LISTED IN THE RECORD OF STREETS  
FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON

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DROHAN SQUARE Dorchester; Open space at the junction of two branches of Edison Green. Named in honor of James Drohan: Superintendent of the lamps of Boston. Named(?) 1905.

LEWIS PARK Roxbury; From 43 Highland St. near 1 Linwood Street. 1864.

HAROLD PLACE South Boston; From 602 East Third St. between K Street and L Street. 1899.

WELLESLEY PARK Dorchester; Established 1897. Laid out 10-15-1908.

PRESCOTT SQUARE East Boston; 1875 [No further information given]

SPARHAWK SQUARE Brighton; [No further information given]

SPAULDING SQUARE Dorchester; The open junction of Neponset Ave. and Freeport St. Named 10-3-1901.

WALNUT PARK Dorchester; From 4 Walnut St. at junction with Neponset Ave. Laid out 1903.

EATON SQUARE Dorchester; [No further information given]

BRIGHTON SQUARE [No further information given]

WALTHAM SQUARE [Not listed in 1910 Record]

BROMLEY SQUARE Roxbury; [No further information given]

WORCESTER SQUARE Boston; [No further information given]

RICHARDSON SQUARE Dorchester; At junction of East Cottage Street and Columbia Road. 1888.

LONGWOOD SQUARE Roxbury; Near Parker Street [No further information given]

CONCORD SQUARE Boston; From 723 Tremont St. to 516 Columbus Ave. Named Concord Sq. 7-10-1866.

CENTRAL SQUARE Roxbury; Open space lying between Post Office Guild's Building. Named 12-31-1860.



## CONCLUSION

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What did the inventory tell us about the Olmsted landscape firm's connection with these small Boston projects? That is the question to be addressed.

There were 17 Olmsted projects investigated. This list of 17 projects was taken from Charles Beveridge's The Olmsted Legacy of Landscape Architectural Design, Volume I, Public Designs.

The projects selected for this report were based upon their geographic location. All the projects are within the Boston metropolitan area. All projects are under the jurisdiction of the City of Boston's Parks and Recreation Department.

There were 17 projects inventoried; however, there were a total of 52 sites. This apparent discrepancy can be accounted for because Olmsted Project #950 contains 35 individual sites. This irregularity makes #950 seem disproportionately large. Placing so many sites under one inclusive project number is unusual. In fact, the firm's logic for this was unknown, but now we can speculate as to why this was done.

The Olmsted legacy of small parks, playgrounds, and open spaces has proved to be an enigmatic one. These projects were attributed to the firm only because there was a job number assigned to them in the landscape architects' files and records. This does not mean the Olmsted firm executed the designs. Nor does it indicate the extent



or nature of their involvement. This is the case with Project #950. The project appears to be nothing more than an inventory performed for the Public Grounds Department's properties by the firm. In the end, this project appears to have little design significance. The Olmsteds may have made recommendations, but the sites do not represent the Olmsted landscape philosophy per se. This was not known prior to the research.

Thus, the remaining 16 projects in the Boston area appear to have a greater degree of the firm's design influence. They are either playgrounds or small urban parks. They usually contain no more than 5-6 acres and are in densely populated urban areas. Their size alone creates many design limitations. These sites should not be perceived as "Franklin Parks" or "Jamaica Ponds" in miniature. The land that the city acquired for playgrounds was often undesirable. The designs that Olmsted, Olmsted, and Eliot presented to the Parks Commission were for small plots of land. The design focused on practical and functional use of the land. Careful placement of recreational equipment and creating a pleasing aesthetic quality were a difficult task.

Today, out of 16 Olmsted-attributed projects, only a handful evoke the characteristic Olmsted "feeling." The remaining ones have been significantly altered or destroyed or were never executed.

There are many variables upon which to judge a landscape's historic or design significance. The extent that the design was carried out and the site's present integrity are two factors.



preservation and restoration of a landscape are often determined by the degree of integral loss.

These sites suffer from neglect, poor maintenance, and insensitive and badly planned additions. Overall, they have lost a degree of their design integrity. Despite the loss, the sites are the legacy of Charles Eliot and the Olmsteds. Small parks and playgrounds were an integral part of Eliot's urban and regional planning philosophy. On that basis, they should be examined and judged for their historic and design significance.





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## INVENTORY

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This section of the report is devoted to the Olmsted-attributed projects that were inventoried. The information presented herein is organized thusly:

- Inventory List and Map. The sites that were inspected were organized according to their district. Roxbury, Dorchester, South End Boston, and South Boston are the subject headings. A map accompanies the list to indicate the sites' locations in the city.
- Inventory form. A form has been prepared for each Olmsted-attributed site that has been inspected. This form gives general information about the site and a visual assessment describing the site's condition per the February 1985 inspection.
- Slides. Photographs were taken as a supplement to the inventory form. They are included at the end of the report.





# 1985 INVENTORY OF OLMSTED ATTRIBUTED LANDSCAPES IN BOSTON

The following inventory list of Olmsted attributed designs in the Boston area have been seperated according to geographic location.

## SOUTH END(BOSTON)

<u>Olmsted Job No.</u>	<u>Historic Name</u>	<u>Current Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
950	Concord Square		Extant
950	Blackstone Square		Extant
950	Worcester Square		Extant
950	Waltham Square	M.G. Williams Sq.	Extant

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## SOUTH BOSTON

<u>Olmsted Job No.</u>	<u>Historic Name</u>	<u>Current Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
950	Thomas Park		Extant
950	Independence Square		Extant
950	Lincoln Square		Extant
925	M Street Plg.	Christ. Lee Plg.	Extant
911	Mercer Street Plg.	Columbia Rd. Plg.	Nonextant



OLMSTED BROTHERS PROJECTS IN BOSTON'S SOUTH END & SOUTH BOSTON 1896-1915

1. Concord Square
2. Rutland Square
3. Blackstone Square
4. Worcester Square
5. Waltham Square
6. Thomas Park
7. Independence Square
8. Lincoln Square
9. M Street Playground
10. Columbia Road Playground (nonextant)





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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Concord Square

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Boston

Surrounding Streets Between Tremont & Columbus Ave.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

X Residential        Industrial

       Institutional        Park & Recreation

       Commercial

B. General Maintenance

       Excellent        Very Good   X   Fair        Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Concord Square, like its neighboring Rutland Square, is approximately 5,000 square feet. This grassy elongated strip of land runs the length of Concord Street. It is divided into two fence-enclosed segments. The dimensions are 20' by 150'. Positioned between the two grassy islands is a fountain with a granite basin. The fountain is in poor condition. The square is in fair condition, but routine upkeep and regular maintenance would alleviate problems such as excessive trash build-up. Overall, the square and the surrounding houses create an attractive composition.





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BOSTON SMALL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND GREENSPACES INVENTORY

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Rutland Square

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Boston

Surrounding Streets Between Tremont and Columbus Ave.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential ☐ Industrial

☐ Institutional ☐ Park & Recreation

☐ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Rutland Square contains approximately 5,000 square feet. It is an elongated strip of land that runs the length of Rutland. This central strip of land is broken up into three portions. Each portion is approximately 20' by 100'. These areas are encircled by an iron picket fence. Maintenance is fair to poor. Fencing limits the squares assessability, and consequently the opportunity for proper upkeep. This residential square is surrounded by brownstones which create a solid, uniform massing around the site. Plantings are placed randomly throughout the square with no apparent design. The site, overall, has many of the characteristics that are found in the 1913 Olmsted topographical.



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BOSTON SMALL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND GREENSPACES INVENTORY

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Blackstone Square

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Boston

Surrounding Streets Between W. Newton and W. Brookline

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

x Residential        Industrial

       Institutional        Park & Recreation

       Commercial

B. General Maintenance

       Excellent   x   Very Good        Fair        Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Blackstone Square contains approximately 100,000 square feet. It is surrounded by brownstones that are characteristic of the South End. The site is square in plan and encompassed by an iron picket fence. It is a well maintained public square and a pleasant area for passive recreation in this densely populated neighborhood. Improvements and additions seem to be in keeping with the historic and architectural character of the district.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Worcester Square

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Boston

Surrounding Streets Between Washington and Harrison

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential

☐ Industrial

☐ Institutional

☐ Park & Recreation

☐ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent

☐ Very Good

☒ Fair

☐ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Worcester Square is one of the largest public squares in the South End. It contains 16,000 square feet and is encompassed by an iron picket fence. This rectangular parcel of land has rounded-off ends and is 30-40' wide and 300' long. A fountain with a concrete and granite-edged basin lies in the center of the square. The basin measures approximately 15' in diameter. Maintenance of the site is fair. It is larger than the other squares and more assessable for maintenance purposes. The site has a number of fine plantings and mature trees which enhance the street and surrounding houses. This square is also built-up with brownstones.





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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Waltham Square

Current M.G. Williams Square

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Boston

Surrounding Streets Harrison Ave. opposite Union Park St.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

     Residential      Industrial

     Institutional      Park & Recreation

     XCommercial

B. General Maintenance

     Excellent      Very Good      Fair      XPoor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

This site contains approximately 2000 square feet and is in extremely neglected condition. Granite curbing and an iron picket fence surround this triangular plot of land. The fencing has been neglected and is missing or lying in the square. The design of the fencing is similar to those in other South End sites as Rutland Square and Union Park. Parking around the site detracts from its qualities and obstructs any view of it from surrounding streets.



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BOSTON SMALL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND GREENSPACES INVENTORY

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Independence Square

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community South Boston

Surrounding Streets Broadway, Second, M and N Street

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

X Residential        Industrial

       Institutional        Park & Recreation

       Commercial

B. General Maintenance

       Excellent        Very Good   X   Fair        Poor

C. Visual Assessment [Compare current appearance with Original]

This square contains 279,218 square feet. The topography is flat. Concrete sidewalks radiate from the center of the site where there's a granite monument to Viet Nam veterans. The monument is landscaped and encircled with a metal picket fence. Trees line the sidewalks as well as stone benches.

✓ The site is perched at the summit of Broadway and is surrounded by townhouses on three sides. The industrial development along Fort Point Channel is clearly visible from the square and is obtrusive.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Thomas Park

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community South Boston

Surrounding Streets Telegraph St.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner National Park Service

Address \_\_\_\_\_

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential ☐ Industrial

☐ Institutional ☐ Park & Recreation

☐ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

This hillside open space is dominated by a tower commemorating the Revolutionary War. The site is approached by a series of concrete steps which lead to the top of the hill. The summit is flat and grassy. Benches and trees line the sidewalk that surround the edge. The site is open with an expanse of lawn at the summit which focuses attention on the monument. Thomas Park Drive encircles the park and is lined with three-storey townhouses.



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BOSTON SMALL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND GREENSPACES INVENTORY

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Lincoln Square

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community South Boston

Surrounding Streets Emerson, Fourth and M sts.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential

☐ Industrial

☐ Institutional

☐ Park & Recreation

☒ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent

☐ Very Good

☐ Fair

☒ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

This site contains 9,510 square feet. The site is formed by the convergence of Forth and Emerson Streets. This grassy plot of land is surrounded by an iron picket fence. The fencing is in overall good condition, however, sections are missing which create noticeable and unsightly gaps. The neighborhood is a mix of commercial and residential and the site appears to receive little use or attention. A gate allows access to the site but it has no benches to accommodate visitor use.





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BOSTON SMALL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND GREENSPACES INVENTORY

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic M Street Playground

Current Christ. Lee Playgd.

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #925 Date 1897

B. LOCATION

Community South Boston

Surrounding Streets First St. at M Street

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

XResidential XIndustrial

    Institutional     Park & Recreation

XCommercial

B. General Maintenance

    Excellent     Very Good XFair     Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Christopher Lee Playground abutts Independence Square. The two sites are joined by a concrete stairway. This site sets at the base of the hill on a flat, grass covered terrain. Basketball courts and baseball diamonds as well as a tot lot are the facilities available at this site. An 8' chain link fence surrounds the playground. There is no apparent attempt to landscape the site. Maintenance is poor and vandalism is a problem. The integrity of the site has been severly altered. A granite random ashlar retaining wall and stairs joining Independence Square and the playground has been removed and replaced by concrete bleachers.



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BOSTON SMALL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND GREENSPACES INVENTORY

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Mercer or Columbia Road Plg.

Current NONEXTANT

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #911 Date 1897

B. LOCATION

Community South Boston

Surrounding Streets \_\_\_\_\_

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

     Residential      Industrial

     Institutional      Park & Recreation

     Commercial

B. General Maintenance

     Excellent      Very Good      Fair      Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

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The following inventory list of Olmsted attributed designs in the Boston area have been seperated according to geographic location.

ROXBURY

<u>Olmsted Job No.</u>	<u>Historic Name</u>	<u>Current Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
950	Cedar Square		Extant
950	Longwood Square	Joslin Park	Extant
950	Bromley Park		Nonextant
952	Madison Square		Nonextant
950	Louis Pasteur Ave.		Extant
950	Walnut Park		Extant
950	Linwood Square		Extant
950	Harold Square		Extant
938	Orchard Park		Extant
950	Washington Park		Extant
950	Heath Square		Extant
950	Elm Hill Park		Extant
950	Lewis Park	Alvah Kittredge Park	Extant
957	Fountain Square	Horatio Harris Park	Extant
904	Billings Field		Extant
915	Fellows Street Plg.		Nonextant



OLMSTED BROTHERS PROJECTS IN ROXBURY 1896-1915

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1.. Cedar Square      | 11. Heath Square           |
| 2. Longwood Square    | 12. Elm Hill Park          |
| 3. Bromley Square     | 13. Lewis Park             |
| 4. Madison Square     | 14. Horatio Harris         |
| 5. Louis Pasteur Ave. | 15. Fellows St. Playground |
| 6. Walnut Park        |                            |
| 7. Linwood Park       |                            |
| 8. Harold Square      |                            |
| 9. Orchard Park       |                            |
| 10. Washington Park   |                            |







MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION FOR OLMSTED PARKS

BOSTON SMALL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND GREENSPACES INVENTORY

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Cedar Square

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Roxbury(Highlands)

Surrounding Streets Between Cedar and Juniper St.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential ☐ Industrial

☐ Institutional ☐ Park & Recreation

☐ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Cedar Square contains 26,163 square feet of undeveloped land. Occasional outcroppings of puddingstone puncture the sloping grass-covered site. A random ashlar retaining wall runs the length of the two sides of this square plot of land. A concrete walks cuts diagonally through the site. Three mature trees are the only plantings on the site. There is no evidence of any designed landscape.



MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION FOR OLMSTED PARKS

BOSTON SMALL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND GREENSPACES INVENTORY

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Longwood Square

Current Joslin Park

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Roxbury

Surrounding Streets Brookline and Deaconess

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

     Residential      Industrial

  X   Institutional      Park & Recreation

     Commercial

B. General Maintenance

     Excellent   X   Very Good      Fair      Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Longwood Square or Joslin Park lies within the campus of the Harvard Medical School. It is a rectangular, grassy site planted shrubs and flowers. Walkways run through the site and are lined with concrete benches. The park is the only green space nearby for students and employees and is therefore popular and has many users. Surrounding the site are institutional buildings ranging in height from 3 to 5 storeys. The 1913 Olmsted topographical indicates no significant design features such as fountains, fencing or statuary.



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BOSTON SMALL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND GREENSPACES INVENTORY

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Bromley Park (NONEXTANT)

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Roxbury

Surrounding Streets

County

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner

Address

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

Residential  Industrial

Institutional  Park & Recreation

Commercial

B. General Maintenance

Excellent  Very Good  Fair  Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Madison Square

Current NONEXTANT

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #952 Date

B. LOCATION

Community Roxbury

Surrounding Streets Ruggles, Warwick, Westminster, Sterling

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

Residential  Industrial

Institutional  Park & Recreation

Commercial

B. General Maintenance

Excellent  Very Good  Fair  Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]





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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Louis Pasteur Ave.

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Roxbury

Surrounding Streets \_\_\_\_\_

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

       Residential        Industrial

  X   Institutional        Park & Recreation

       Commercial

B. General Maintenance

       Excellent        Very Good   X   Fair        Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Avenue Louis Pasteur is located between the Fenway and Longwood Avenue. It is a straight street approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile in length. The campus of Harvard Medical School, and Simmons College surround the Avenue. Large institutional buildings of varying architectural styles line the Avenue. At the intersection with Longwood Ave. the street dissects, creating an open space. The Avenue is lined with mature trees which create an arching canopy.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Walnut Park

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Roxbury

Surrounding Streets Between Washington Ave. and Walnut

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential ☐ Industrial

☐ Institutional ☐ Park & Recreation

☐ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Walnut Park is a narrow strip of land approximately 20' in width. It is surrounded by a concrete sidewalk and contains no shrubbery or trees. The site is 200-300' in length. Three storey apartment buildings encompass the site. There is no evidence of any landscape design on the site.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Linwood Park

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Roxbury (Highlands)

Surrounding Streets Centre and Linwood Sts.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential

☐ Industrial

☐ Institutional

☐ Park & Recreation

☐ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent

☐ Very Good

☐ Fair

☒ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Linwood Park is a small parcel of land at the foot of Linwood Street. It is a roundsite in plan and contains approximately 1000 square feet. It is dissected by a concrete sidewalk and encircled by shrubbery. The site is neglected and shows no indication of landscape design. There are no fountains, statuary, structures or ornamental fencing on the site. The neighborhood surrounding Linwood Park is decayed and the site is surrounded by vacant lots.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Harold Square  
Current Herbert Wolf Square

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Roxbury

Surrounding Streets Crawford, Abbotsford and Harold

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential ☐ Industrial  
☐ Institutional ☐ Park & Recreation  
☐ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

This small square is only 966 square feet. This grass-covered triangle suffers from neglect. Remnants of an iron picket fence are visible, and what remains is in a ruinous state. Tall weeds and overgrown virtually cover the site and make it difficult to see or determine that it is a "square." The 1913 Olmsted topographical reveals that this site has not changed in size or plan.





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BOSTON SMALL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND GREENSPACES INVENTORY

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Orchard Park

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #938, #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Roxbury

Surrounding Streets Chadwick, Orchard Park, Yeoman Sts.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential

☐ Industrial

☒ Institutional

☐ Park & Recreation

☒ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent

☐ Very Good

☐ Fair

☒ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Orchard Park contains 109,000 square feet of land. It is devoted exclusively to active recreation. Included on this site are basketball courts and childrens' play areas. The site is in poor condition. Fencing is poorly maintained and falling down. There is little landscaping and the majority of the site has been paved over. Surrounding streets and sidewalks are also decayed. Certain areas in the park show signs of recent improvements but the overall condition of the park is neglected.

The integrity of the site severely altered in comparison to 1913 Olmsted plan. This plan accomodated both active and passive recreation. A large green area for passive use was the central feature of that plan and active recreation facilities were subordinate.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Washington Park

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Roxbury

Surrounding Streets Washington, Dale St., M.L. King Blvd.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential ☐ Industrial

☐ Institutional ☐ Park & Recreation

☒ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Washington Park is a ten acre site accommodating both active and passive recreation. The topography of the site is mixed. The western portion is low and even. This section is devoted to active recreation facilities such as basketball courts and a baseball diamond. A parking lot is located at the Dale Street entrance. The remaining half of the park devoted to passive use. The topography becomes more hilly and the land is studded with puddingstone and groupings of trees. New sidewalks and benches are evidence of recent improvements. A chain link fence surrounds the site.

Historic photographs and plans indicate that the integrity of the site has been altered over the years by additions, but portions remain unspoiled despite the need for more plantings in passive recreation area.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Heath Square

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Roxbury

Surrounding Streets New Heath and Parker Sts.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

X Residential        Industrial

       Institutional        Park & Recreation

       Commercial

B. General Maintenance

       Excellent        Very Good        Fair X Poor

C. Visual Assessment [Compare current appearance with Original]

This site exists in name only. It is a small parcel of land, triangular in shape and containing no more than 900 square feet. It is overgrown with weeds and indicates no evidence of any landscape design.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. NAME  
Historic Elm Hill Park  
Current Same  
Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913
- B. LOCATION  
Community Roxbury  
Surrounding Streets Elm Hill Park off of Warren St.  
County Suffolk
- C. OWNERSHIP  
Owner City of Boston  
Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

- A. Adjacent Land Use  
☒ Residential            Industrial  
           Institutional            Park & Recreation  
           Commercial
- B. General Maintenance  
           Excellent            Very Good ☒ Fair            Poor
- C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]  
Elm Hill Park is a 20' wide grassy strip of land encircled by Elm Hill Park Drive. This narrow, elongated parcel of land is approximately 300' in length has no evidence of an designed landscape. There are no fountains, statuary, structures or ornamental fencing on the site. Queen Anne and Shingle Style is the predominate architecture that encompasses the site.





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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Lewis Park

Current Alvah Kittredge Park

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Roxbury (Highlands)

Surrounding Streets Highland st and Linwood

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

X Residential        Industrial

       Institutional        Park & Recreation

       Commercial

B. General Maintenance

       Excellent   X   Very Good        Fair        Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Kittredge Park contains 5,600 square feet. It is an oval shaped parcel of land at the intersection of Highland and Linwood Streets. The 1913 Olmsted topographical maps indicate that this was a open lawn similar to the other residential squares represented in Olmsted project #950. Presently the site has lost its original integrity and has been subject to a complete redesign. A concrete wall encircles a brick courtyard. Trees and shrubs are planted on the outer perimeter of the site.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. NAME  
Historic Fountain Square  
Current Horatio Harris Square  
Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #957 Date 1913
- B. LOCATION  
Community Roxbury  
Surrounding Streets Monroe, Townsend, Harold, Walnut  
County Suffolk
- C. OWNERSHIP  
Owner City of Boston  
Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

- A. Adjacent Land Use  
☒ Residential ☐ Industrial  
☐ Institutional ☐ Park & Recreation  
☐ Commercial
- B. General Maintenance  
☒ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor
- C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Harris Park contains 100,000 square feet of land and is devoted exclusively to passive recreation. The site is square in plan and the topography is a rolling hill-side punctuated with puddingstone outcroppings. The Roxbury puddingstone is an attractive and predominate feature of the park and the design of the park has been sensitive to this natural asset. Concrete walks wander throughout the site and are lined with wooden benches. Large globe street lights also line the walk and are a recent addition. A 3' high rubble stone wall encompasses the the site and frequent entrances make the park easily assessible. Recent plantings of trees as well as mature trees are found in ample numbers throughout. Maintenance of the park is good. According to the 1913 Olmsted plan, the site's integrity has been changed little. The lay out of walkways has changed but is similar to Olmsted design.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Fellows St. Playgd.

Current NONEXTANT

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #915 Date 1897

B. LOCATION

Community Roxbury

Surrounding Streets Hunnneman, Fellows St., Fellows Pl.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

\_\_\_\_ Residential

\_\_\_\_ Industrial

\_\_\_\_ Institutional

\_\_\_\_ Park & Recreation

\_\_\_\_ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

\_\_\_\_ Excellent

\_\_\_\_ Very Good

\_\_\_\_ Fair

\_\_\_\_ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Billings Field Playgd.

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #904 Date 1897

B. LOCATION

Community Roxbury

Surrounding Streets Centre and Lagrange Streets

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

X Residential        Industrial

       Institutional        Park & Recreation

       Commercial

B. General Maintenance

       Excellent        Very Good        Fair   X   Poor

C. Visual Assessment [Compare current appearance with Original]

Billings Field is a low grassy meadow enclosed on the north-west edge by a wooded ridge. Three residential streets form the boundaries around this site. Along the Lagrange Street entrance is a tot lot and a brick one storey structure which is vandalized and in disrepair. Active recreation is the main use of this open area. Three baseball diamonds are placed throughout the low grassy area. The site is in poor condition: the turf is worn thin due to excessive use by local amateur teams using the site. An 8' chain link fence surrounds the site which is in need of repair and creates an unnecessary and unsightly border around the site.





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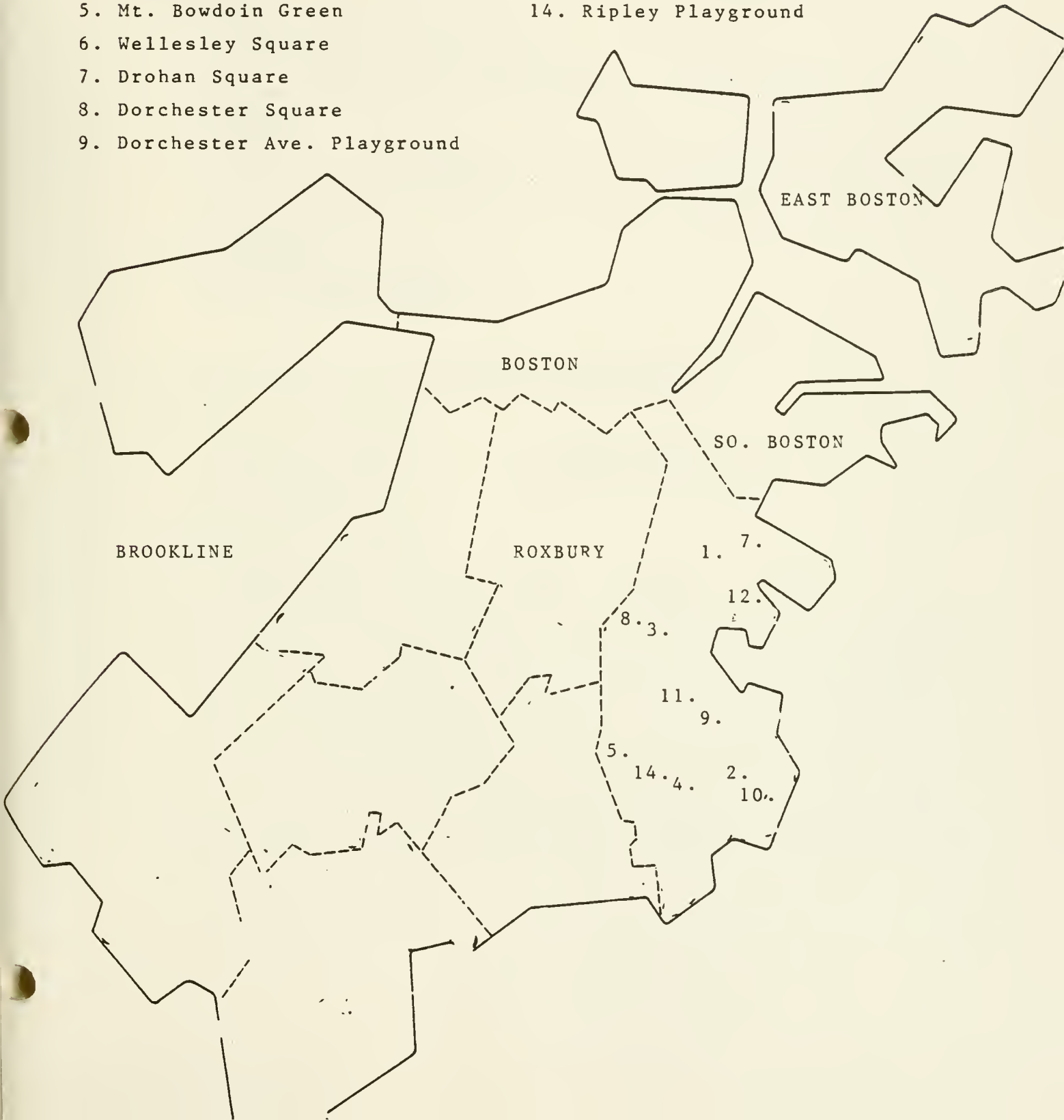
<u>Olmsted Job No.</u>	<u>Historic Name</u>	<u>Current Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
950	Richardson Square		Extant
950	Spaulding Square	O'Donnel Square	Extant
950	Eaton Square		Extant
950	Tremlett Park		Extant
950	Mt. Bowdoin Park		Extant
950	Wellesley Square		Extant
950	Drohan Square	Michael Mullen Sq.	Extant
954	Dorchester Square	Donovan Park	Extant
914	Dorchester Ave. Plg.	Doherty/Gibson Plg.	Extant
919	Freeport St. Triangle		Extant
961	Ronan Park	Mt. Ida Playground	Extant
962	Savin Hill Park/Beach	McConnell Park	Extant
967	Ripley Playground		Nonextant



OLMSTED BROTHERS PROJECTS IN DORCHESTER 1896-1915

1. Richardson Square
2. Spaulding Square
3. Eaton Square
4. Tremlett Park
5. Mt. Bowdoin Green
6. Wellesley Square
7. Drohan Square
8. Dorchester Square
9. Dorchester Ave. Playground

10. Freeport Street Triangle
11. Ronan Park
12. Savin Hill Park
13. Dorchester Park
14. Ripley Playground





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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. NAME  
Historic Richardson Square  
Current Same  
Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913
- B. LOCATION  
Community Dorchester  
Surrounding Streets Junction East Cottage St & Columbia Rd.  
County Suffolk
- C. OWNERSHIP  
Owner City of Boston  
Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

- A. Adjacent Land Use  
☒ Residential ☐ Industrial  
☐ Institutional ☐ Park & Recreation  
☒ Commercial
- B. General Maintenance  
☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor
- C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]  
This square is sited along the heavily travelled Columbia Road. It is an elongated triangle in plan with the historic Blake House setting at its base, a statue of Edward Everett Hale, and the Copenhagen Fountain. The topography is grassy and gradually sloping from East Cottage Street down to Columbia Road. There is no apparent landscape scheme. The Blake House and other monuments on the site bear no stylistic relation to each other.



MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION FOR OLMSTED PARKS

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Spaulding Square

Current O'Donnel Square

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Dorchester

Surrounding Streets Junction of Neponset Ave. & Freeport St.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential ☐ Industrial

☒ Institutional ☐ Park & Recreation

☐ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

This square is sited at the junction of two busy streets devoted predominately to residential housing. The site contains 6,263 square feet. The square is landscaped with shrubs & contains a commemorative granite plague in honor of Monsignour O'Donnell.

The square is planted with grass and is fenced in. Due to the heavily travelled streets that surround, cars are often parked around the square thus obstructing it from view. It contains no benches and the fence makes it inaccessible.

The Olmsted plan for Spaulding Square was a topographical map showing grades and contours. There is no indication from the plan of any planting lists or any other details regarding the landscape.





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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Eaton Square

Current Francis X. Coppens Sq.

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Dorchester

Surrounding Streets Adams and Bowdoin Sts.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential

☐ Industrial

☒ Institutional

☒ Park & Recreation

☐ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent

☐ Very Good

☐ Fair

☒ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

This small square is triangular in shape and is adjacent to Dorchester Square. Together the two squares create a pleasing green space which compliments the Congregationalist Church at the top of the hill. This site is approximately 13,280 square feet. It sets on a grassy slope and the central feature of the site is the Lyman fountain. The fountain has a 30' diameter basin with granite curbing and a cast-metal fountain in the center. Overgrown evergreens are planted in the three corners of the site. The fountain is in disrepair and the site suffers from low maintenance and overuse from people using the nearby bus stop.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Tremlett Park

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Dorchester

Surrounding Streets Tremlett between Hooper and Waldeck

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

xResidential Industrial

Institutional Park & Recreation

Commercial

B. General Maintenance

Excellent Very Good xFair Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Tremlett Square contains 7,167 square feet. It is a 20' wide island of land running the length of Tremlett Street which is a small residential street. The site is planted with trees along its outer edge. The topography is flat and contains no designed landscape features such as shrubs or flower beds, fountains, statuary or iron fencing. Its character is consistent with the other residential squares found in Olmsted job #950. Present condition retains same plan as 1913 Olmsted plan.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Mt. Bowdoin Green

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Dorchester

Surrounding Streets Summit of Mt. Bowdoin St.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential ☐ Industrial

☐ Institutional ☐ Park & Recreation

☐ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor

C. Visual Assessment [Compare current appearance with Original]

This residential park sets atop Mt. Bowdoin. It is a large open lawn in an irregular oval shape. A few mature trees are located at the outer edges. It is one of the largest of the squares that were inventoried and consists of 25,170 square feet. Mt Bowdoin Green is surrounded by late 19th century houses in the Queen Anne and Shingle Style.

The topography of the site is flat and shows no indication change since the 1913 Olmsted topo map. The park appears much the same that it did in a photograph taken in 1900. Presently, the site appears to be a play area for neighborhood children and contains a "jungle gym".



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Wellesley Square

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Dorchester

Surrounding Streets Wellesley Park Drive

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential

☐ Industrial

☐ Institutional

☐ Park & Recreation

☐ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent

☐ Very Good

☒ Fair

☐ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Wellesley Square is an irregular tear-drop shaped parcel of land surrounded by late 19th century Queen Anne, Dutch Colonial, and Colonial revival style houses. It contains approximately 28,000 square feet of open lawn and randomly placed mature trees. Ornamental flower beds of various shapes are also randomly placed throughout. The site contains no statutory, fountains, fencing or structures. Reproduction period street lamps are a recent addition. The site is in fair condition and large single family houses which encircle the square are in good repair.





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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Drohan Square

Current Michael Mullen Sq.

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Dorchester

Surrounding Streets Junction of Edison Green

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential ☐ Industrial

☐ Institutional ☐ Park & Recreation

☒ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Presently, this small plot of land is used as a tot lot for the neighborhood children. The site is surrounded by a chain-link fence and the play area is covered with asphalt. There are no plantings of shrubs or trees on the site. The 1913 Olmsted topographic map indicates this site was an open, triangular shaped parcel of land. Olmsted plan indicated no designed landscape features.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Dorchester Square

Current Donovan Park

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #950 Date 1913

B. LOCATION

Community Dorchester

Surrounding Streets Adams and Bowdoin Sts.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential ☐ Industrial

☒ Institutional ☐ Park & Recreation

☐ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

This site is approximately one acre in size. The square sets on a gradually sloping knoll. At the western boundary is Eaton Square and at the eastern border is the Congregation-  
alists Church which dominates the park space. Concrete side-  
walks crisscross through the site and are lined with benches. Sapling trees have been planted along the walks; there are no  
mature trees on the site. A granite obelisk sets at the crest  
of the knoll and is dedicated to Civil War veterans. The monu-  
ment is surrounded by an iron fence. The topography is smooth  
and sloping with occasional outcroppings of puddingstone.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Dorchester Ave. Playground

Current Gibson-Doherty Playground

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #914 Date 1897

B. LOCATION

Community Dorchester

Surrounding Streets Dorchester Ave., Geneva Ave.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

☒ Residential ☐ Industrial

☐ Institutional ☐ Park & Recreation

☒ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

This playground site is 1.47 acres. The topography is predominately level throughout site, but an embankment runs along the southern boundary. Active recreation facilities cover the site. A small children's playground and brick structure occupy the eastern boundary which is abutted by Dorchester Ave. An 8' chain-link fence runs the length of eastern edge of site. There is no visible evidence of any designed landscape. Present layout of site bears no resemblance to 1897 Olmsted plan.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Freeport St. Triangle

Current \_\_\_\_\_

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #919 Date \_\_\_\_\_

B. LOCATION

Community Dorchester

Surrounding Streets Freeport St.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

X Residential \_\_\_\_\_ Industrial

X Institutional \_\_\_\_\_ Park & Recreation

\_\_\_\_\_ Commercial

B. General Maintenance

\_\_\_\_\_ Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Very Good X Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]





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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Dorchester Park

Current Same

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) #912 Date 1891

B. LOCATION

Community Dorchester

Surrounding Streets Dorchester Ave., Richmond St.

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

X Residential        Industrial

X Institutional        Park & Recreation

       Commercial

B. General Maintenance

       Excellent X Very Good        Fair        Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

This site contains 27 acres of wooded, naturalistic terrain. A random ashlar retaining wall runs the length of its Dorchester Ave. boundary. Large outcropping of puddingstone and mature trees creates a reservation-like atmosphere. An asphalt drive makes a loop through the site. Facilities for active recreation are placed to the rear of the park. The topography in this section (approx. 10 acres) is a low, unwooded grassy area. This park retains much of its integrity as represented in the 1894 Olmsted plan. The abutting hospital's parking area is the only visual intrusion on the site.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. NAME

Historic Savin Hill Park

Current Mc Connell Park

Olmsted Firm Job Number(s) 962 Date 1909

B. LOCATION

Community Dorchester

Surrounding Streets Gampian Way

County Suffolk

C. OWNERSHIP

Owner City of Boston

Address 1 City Hall

II. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

A. Adjacent Land Use

x Residential        Industrial

       Institutional        Park & Recreation

       Commercial

B. General Maintenance

       Excellent        Very Good   x   Fair        Poor

C. Visual Assessment[Compare current appearance with Original]

Savin Hill Park contains eight acres of rocky, wooded terrain. The hill rises far above the surrounding housing and offers an excellent view of the bay and the city of Boston's skyline. The site is characterized by its massive outcroppings of puddingstone and its forest-like nature in an urban area. The landscape suffers from few intrusions and it appears to be in its natural state with little or no designed features. Walkways of gravel or dirt wander through the site and a flight of "naturalistic" stone steps lead to the top of the hill. Historic photographs reveal that Savin Hill has changed little and remains an historic integral site.



## APPENDICES

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- APPENDIX A contains a 1982 inventory of parks and open spaces belonging to the Parks and Recreation Department. The Olmsted-attributed projects on this inventory have been noted. A supplemental section containing historic and current park names is a helpful reference guide.
  
- APPENDIX B contains an annotated listing of Olmsted plans inventoried at the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site in 1983. These are plans of playground and parks projects commissioned by the City of Boston.
  
- APPENDIX C contains working notes of research done at the Engineering Department of Boston's Parks and Recreation Department in City Hall. This department has a collection (either at L Street Bathhouse or on microfiche) which has been critical to this research.
  
- APPENDIX D contains slides of the projects inventoried for this report. They are a supplement to the inventory forms found under the Inventory section of this report.



## APPENDIX A







PARKS AND PARKWAYS WITH LOCATION, AREA AND YEAR ACQUIRED  
MAIN PARK SYSTEM

	Acres
* Arborway, Prince street to Franklin Park, 1892.....	17.39
* Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park South, Centre and Walter Streets, 1882,1895.....	227.5
Back Bay Fens,Beacon street to Brookline avenue,1877.....	113.19
Boston Common, Tremont to Park street,Beacon,Charles and Boylston streets, 1634.....	48.40
Commonwealth Avenue,Arlington street to Kenmore street, 1894-1905.....	32.00
* Franklin Park(1833-84)Blue Hill avenue, American Legion Highway, Forest Hills street, Walnut avenue, Columbus avenue and Seaver street.....	425.7
* Olmsted Park, Hunington avenue to Prince street, 1890.....	180.00
Public Garden, Chalres to Arlington and Beacon to Boylston streets, 1823.....	24.25
* Riverway, Brookline avenue to Huntington avenue, 1890.....	28.22
Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway, from Centre Street, near Arboretum, to the West Roxbury Parkway, 1894 Roadway area taken by M.D.C.....	50.11
Total Acres, Main Park System.....	1,146.76

PUBLIC BEACH

L Street Beach.....	30.00
Total Acres, Marine Park System.....	30.00

Of this park, only the roads and walks are maintained by the City.  
This area of the Common is exclusive of the old cemetery on Boylston  
Street side containing 1.40 acres.

The roadway portions of these areas have been transferred to the  
Metropolitan District Commission on October 30, 1956 under Stat. 1956,  
Chap. 581.

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND PLAY AREAS, WITH LOCATION, AREA AND  
YEAR ACQUIRED

	Acres
Adams, Irving W. Park, Junction of Washington and South streets, Roslindale, 1919.....	0.78
Alsen, Carl Henry Playground, Victory road at Park street, Dorchester, 1916-1943.....	4.08
Amatucci, Priv. Joseph Playground, East Glenwood and Hyde Park avenues, Hyde Park, 1958.....	0.47
American Legion Playgroundm Condor and Glendon streets, East Boston, 1924.....	3.38
Barry, William J. Playground, Chelsea street and Mystic river, Chalrestown, 1897.....	5.27
Beethoven School Play Area Washington street, West Roxbury.....	0.77

\*Parks, playgrounds, greenspaces assigned  
job numbers by the Olmsted firm



PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND PLAY AREAS, WITH LOCATION, AREA AND  
YEAR ACQUIRED

ACRES

Beecher Street Play Area, Jamaica Plain 1942(undeveloped).....	0.18
* Billings Field, LaGrange and Bellevue streets, West Roxbury, 1896.....	10.83
Boston Common, Charles Street side.....	3.50
Bradford street Play Area, South End,1954.....	0.04
Brewer-Burroughs street tot lot West Roxbury 1973.....	0.97
Buckley,Rev.Fr.Playground,West Third and Bolton street, South Boston, 1952.....	0.65
Byrne, Joseph M. Playground, Everett and Elm streets, Dorchester, 1939.....	1.16
Caldwell Street Play Area Caldwell Street, Charlestown 1980.....	0.1
Carroll Pond, Carrollton Rd.,West Roxbury(undeveloped) 1921.....	0.47
Carter, William E. Playground, Columbus avenue at Camden street, 1899.....	4.95
Cassidy, Walter F.(Chestnut Hill)Playground, Beacon streets, Brighton, 1898.....	9.44
Castle Square, Park Areas East Berkley, street Tremont street, Millicent Court and Shawmut Ave. Boston, 1967.....	1.11
Ceylon Hill Park Intervale Street Roxbury, 1974.....	0.5
Ceylon St. Playground, Ceylon and Intervale Streets, Dorchester, 1923.....	4.02
Charter street playground, Charter street and Greenough Lane, North End, 1940.....	0.25
Chestnut Hill Park, Beacon street and Commonwealth, avenue, Brighton, 1898-1902.....	33.50
Children's Park, Intervale Street, Roxbury 1974.....	0.21
Christopher Columbus Park Atlantic Avenue, Boston 1975.....	4.3
Clarendon St. tot lot, Clarendon street and Commonwealth avenue, 1977.....	0.334
Clifford, Edward P. Playground, Norforlk avenue and Proctor street, Roxbury, 1909.....	7.60
Columbia Point Playground, at Columbia Point Housing Project, 1970.....	33.29
Community Park Burbank St. Edterly Road and Norway street, Boston 1975.....	0.50
Connolly, John J. Playground, Marcella and Highland streets, Roxbury 1903.....	5.15
*Copps Hill Terraces, Commercial and Charter streets, No. End, 1893.....	0.60
Corbett, William B. Park, between Washington and Claybourne streets, Dorchester, 1917.....	0.94
Crawford Street Playground, Crawford street and Walnut avenue Roxbury 1965-1966.....	2.64

\*Parks, playgrounds, greenspaces assigned  
job numbers by the Olmsted firm



PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND PLAY AREAS WITH LOCATION AREA AND  
YEAR ACQUIRED

Acres

Cronin, James L. Playground, Brent St at Wainwright street, Dorchester 1899.....	2.24
Cumston St. Play Area, South End 1952.....	0.02
Cummings Memorial Park, located partially in Woburn and Burlington, 1930.....	198.33
Cushing, Cardinal Park, Cambridge Street and New Chardon Street, Boston 1977 .....	33
Cutillo, Vincent Playground, Morton and Stillman streets, North End, 1937.....	0.29
DeFilippo, Private John Playground (Snow Hill St.) No. End, 1937.....	1.13
Dello Iancono Givinani, Plgd. Milton and Readville streets, Hyde Park, 1924.....	5.03
Derby Park, Washington Street and Shawmut Ave. 1974.....	5.72
* Doherty, John A. Playground, Dorchester and Geneva avenues, 1897....	1.47
* Doherty, Ensign John J. Playground, Bunker Hill & Medford Streets, Charlestown Heights, 1891.....	4.30
* Dorchester Park, Dorchester avenue and Richmond street, 1891-1925.....	27.27
Douglass Court Play Area, No. End, 1952.....	0.01
— Downer Avenue Playground, Downer avenue and Hancock street, Dorchester 1972.....	0.78
Draper, Mary Playground, Washington and Stimson streets, West Roxbury, 1932.....	5.76
East Boston Memorial Stadium, Porter street, East Boston, 1954.....	17.67
Edwards Playground, Mead, Main and Eden streets, Charlestown.....	1.26
"Eight" streets, Park, Hanson, Ringold and Waltham streets, Boston 1967.....	0.45
Erie-Ellington street playground, Erie and Ellington streets, Roxbury.....	0.12
Eustis St. Play Area, Eustis street, Roxbury.....	0.23
Fallon Field, South and Robert streets, Roslindale, 1899 and 1931.....	7.57
Flaherty, John J. Jr. Memorial Park West Third and "B" streets South Boston, 1909.....	0.23
Flaherty, William F. Playground, Brookside Avenue and Cornwall Street, West Roxbury 1925.....	1.32
Foster St. Playground, Foster St. place and court, North End, 1930.....	0.10
Folsom Street #25(undeveloped)Roxbury 1974.....	0.06
* Franklin Field, Blue Hill and Talbot avenues, Dorchester 1892.....	45.59
* Franklin Park, 1883-1884(playstead).....	22.00
Freeport Street (Malloch's) Wharf and grounds, Dorchester flats (1.40), 1912.....	1.42

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job numbers by the Olmsted firm





PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND PLAY AREAS WITH LOCATION AREA AND  
YEAR ACQUIRED

	ACRES
Gallagher, Alice E. Memorial Park, Brighton 1937, 1943, 1948.....	16.51
Gallin, Thomas Park Lake and Forest streets, Brighton 1899-1931.....	8.2
Gibbons, James and Eileen Playground, Fanuel Street, Brighton 1948.....	0.1
* Gibson, Christopher, Playground, Dorchester and Geneva avenues, 1897.....	4.34
Hannon, Mary Playground, Howare avenue and Folsom street, Dorchester, 1940-1945.....	1.69
Hanson Street Play Area, Hanson street, South End, 1957.....	0.07
Hardiman, Kevin Barry, P.F.C. Playground, Fanuel Street, Brighton, 1948.....	1.48
Harrison avenue, 624-634, South End Play Area (1950).....	0.12
Harvard, John Mall, Main street, near City Square, Charlestown, 1943.....	0.85
Healy, James F. Playground, Washington street and Firth road, Roslindale, 1902.....	9.63
Hemenway, Mary Playground, Adams street, Dorchester, 1919....	4.41
Hill and Cook Streets Play Area, Charlestown, 1942.....	0.10
Hobart Street Play Area, Hobart and Ranelegh roads Brighton, 1970.....	0.60
Howes, Gertrude Playground, Winthrop, Fairland and Moreland streets, Roxbury, 1930.....	1.88
Hunt, Hames Lee Playground, Almont Street, Mattapan, 1924.....	17.81
Hynes, Thomas J. Playground, V.F.W. Parkway at Brucewood street, West Roxbury, 1950.....	6.42
Jeep Jones Park, Roxbury, King and New Dudley Streets, Roxbury, 1974.....	1.63
Jefferson Playground, Heath, Crawford and Floyd streets, Roxbury, 1924.....	3.28
Joyce, William F. Playground, Union Street, Brighton, 1949.....	1.31
King School Park, Intervale street and Coleus Park Roxbury, 1974.....	1.18
King Street Play Area, Roxbury, 1943.....	0.32
Lambert Avenue Playground, Lambert avenue, Millmont and Dorr streets, Roxbury.....	0.68
Langone, Joseph and Clementine Park Commercial street, Boston, 1973.....	
Laviscount, Reverand Samuel L. Plaza, Towsend and Humbolt Ave. Roxbury, 1941.....	0.62
* Lee, Major Christopher F. Playground, First street at M Street, South Boston, 1897.....	5.20
Lee, Joseph Playground, the Fens, Back Bay, 1877.....	5.00
Little Mystic, Medord and Terminal streets, Charlestown 1972.....	
Little Scobie Playground, Dunreath and Copeland street Roxbury.....	0.79
London and Decatur streets Play Area, East Boston, 1941.....	0.30

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job numbers by the Olmsted firm





PARKS, PLAYGROUND AND PLAY AREAS WITH LOCATION AREA AND  
YEAR ACQUIRED

	ACRES
LoPresti, Michael Sr., Park, Summer and New Streets, East Boston, 1977.....	10.67
Martin, John A. Playground, Hilltop Street and Myrtlebank Avenue, Dorchester, 1979.....	1.32
Mason School Site, Roxbury, 1970.....	0.44
* McConnell Park (including Comerford Field) Springdale and Denny streets (land and flats), 1899, 1914, including beach.....	57.40
McGann, Edward J. West Street, Hyde Park (in George Wright Golf Course)	
McKinney Playground Faneuil street, Brighton, 1930.....	5.94
McLaughlin, Joseph D. Playground, Parker Hill and Fisher avenues, Roxbury, 1912.....	11.54
McLean, Arthur F, Playground, Saratoga and Bennington streets, near Moore street, East Boston, 1917.....	0.43
Meaney, William A. Park, Pleasant and Pond Streets, Dorchester, 1921.....	0.22
Mission Hill Playground, Tremont and Smith streets, Roxbury, 1913-1915-1947.....	2.75
Mt. Pleasant Ave. Play Area, Mt. Pleasant avenue Roxbury.....	0.26
Mozart St. Play Area, Centre and Mozart streets, Roxbury, 1959.....	0.81
Myrtle St. Play Area, West End, 1949.....	0.17
North End Beach and Playground, Commercial street, 1893 Land and Flats.....	6.70
Norton Elliot Park, Tremont and Charles St. Boston, 1977.....	.99
Noyes, John H.L. Playground, Saratoga and Boardman streets, East Boston (land and flats) 1909.....	8.31
O'Day, Thomas R. Playground, Pembroke street, 1960.....	0.70
Pagoda Park, Kneeland St., Boston, 1973.....	2.5
* Paris St. Plgd. East Boston, 1912.....	1.27
Parkman, Francis Playground, Wachusett street, Forest Hills, 1924.....	2.06
Paul Gore street, Jamaica Plain, 1913 (undeveloped).....	0.74
Penniman and Hano streets, Brighton, 1945.....	0.94
Peters Park, Washington Street, Wilkes Street and Shawmut Ave. Boston, 1974.....	3.8
Phillips Street Play Area, West End, 1941.....	0.13
Piemonte, Gabriel Park, Lasell St. at Addington Road, West Roxbury, 1958.....	0.09
Pitts and Hale St. Play Area, West End, 1942.....	0.10
Plympton St. Play Area, So. End, 1926.....	0.09
Polcari, Capt. Louis Plgd., No. Bennett and Prince streets, No. End, 1897.....	0.40
Poplar and Hillside Streets, Roslindale, 1951.....	0.44
Portsmouth St. Playground, Brighton, 1912.....	4.29
Porzio, Joseph Park, Jefferies, Summer and Magnolis Streets, East Boston, 1975.....	2.38

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PARKS, PLAYGROUND AND PLAY AREAS WITH LOCATION AREA AND  
YEAR ACQUIRED

Quincy street Play Area, 61-71 Quincy St. Roxbury.....	0.54
Quincy and Stanley Streets, Dorchester, 1955.....	0.38
Revere, Paul Mall, Hanover and Unity streets, North End, 1925.....	0.76
Ringer, Stanley A. Playground, Allston street and Griggs place, Brighton, 1916.....	10.54
* Ripley Playground, Ripley road, near Harvard street, Dorchester, 1913.....	0.86
Roberts Thomas J. Playground, Dunbar Ave., Dorchester 1930.....	10.20
* Ronan Park, (formerly Mt. Ida) Dorchester, 1912.....	11.65
Ross, Wesley G. Playground, Westminster street, near Wood avenue, Hyde Park, 1936.....	13.03
Rossmore and Stedman Park, Rossmore and Stedman Streets, West Roxbury, 1977.....	0.08
Rotch, Lester J. Playground, Albany and Randolph streets, So. End, 1903.....	2.79
Rutherford Avenue and Union streets, Charlestown, 1951.....	0.21
Ryan, John J. Jr. Playground, Main and Alford streets, Charlestown, (land and flats), 1891.....	12.38
Ryan, Robert F. Play Area, Harbor View St. at Dorchester avenue, Dorchester, 1960.....	0.64
St. James Street Park, Roxbury, 1966.....	0.40
Saratoga Street, undeveloped, Saratoga and Byron streets, East Boston, 1969.....	0.23
* Savin Hill Park, Grampian Way, Dorchester, 1909.....	8.26
Shubow, Joseph S. Park, Commonwealth Ave. and Sidlaw Road, Brighton, 1949.....	0.60
Savage Mini Park Birch St. and Belgrade Ave., Roslindale.....	
Smith, William F. Playground, Western avenue and North Harvard street, Brighton, 1894.....	14.00
Sorrento, Hooker and Goddard streets, Brighton, 1951.....	1.00
South End Library Park, Tremont Street and Rutland Streets, West Roxbury, 1973.....	0.09
South Street Mall, South St. and Carolina Avenue, West Roxbury, 1973.....	.44
Statler Park, Columbus Avenue, Stuart and Church streets, 1925.....	0.25
Sumner and Lamson Streets, East Boston, 1955.....	0.48
Sweeney, Matthew J. Playground, West Fifth St., South Boston, 1909.....	0.47
Thetford Avenue and Evans Street, Dorchester, 1955 (undeveloped).....	0.69
Thornton St., Roxbury-no. 134 (undeveloped) 1941.....	0.06
Trotter School Playground, Wombeck St. and Humbolt Avenue, Roxbury, 1973.....	1.3
Titus, Sparrow Park, West Rutland Square South End, 1953-1973.....	1.8
Vernon Street, Roxbury between Cabot and Lamont streets (undeveloped), 1941.....	0.40

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ACRES

Walker, George H. Playground, Norfolk Street, opposite Evelyn street, Mattapan, 1912.....	8.91
Walnut Park Play Area, Walnut Park at Walnut Avenue, Roxbury, 1965.....	0.32
Walsh, William Gary Playground, Gallivan Boulevard, corner Washington St., Dorchester, 1946.....	6.97
Washington street and Monsignor Reynolds, Way, South End, 1945.....	0.32
Watson Park, Milford and Taylor streets, Boston, 1974.....	1.11
Wilkes Street Play Area, South End, 1954.....	0.06
Winthrop, John Playground, Dacia and Danube streets, Dorchester, 1911.....	1.57
Wright, George Golf Course, West Street, Hyde Park, 1930-1931.....	158.48

## RECREATION CENTERS, BEACHES, POOLS AND PUBLIC BATHS

Archdale, Roslindale  
Brighton Municipal Building  
Charlestown, Charlestown  
Columbia Point, Dorchester  
Columbia Road, Dorchester  
Curtis Hall, Jamaica Plain  
Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester  
Hyde Park Municipal Building  
James Michael Curley, South Boston  
Mission Hill Extension, Roxbury  
\* North Bennett St., North End  
\* Orchard Park, Roxbury  
\* Paris Street, East Boston  
Roslindale, Municipal Building  
John A. Shelbourne, Roxbury  
South Boston Municipal Building  
Tobin Memorial Building, Roxbury

## BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS

Curtis Hall Pool (indoors)  
Charlestown Pool, (outdoors)  
Dorchester House, (indoor)  
Draper, (indoor)  
William "Bill" Flaherty, (indoor)  
Mason Pool, (indoor)  
Noodle Island Pool (indoor)  
North End Pool (ourdoor)  
L Street beach (3 beaches-men-women,boys)  
L Street Solarium(men,women)  
Boston City Hospital Pool (indoor)

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# PUBLIC BATHS

Lexington Street, Charlestown  
Michael Nazzaro Sr.

## PUBLIC GROUNDS, SQUARES, ETC. WITH LOCATIONS AND AREAS CITY PROPER

SQUARE  
FEET

*Blackstone Square, Washington street, between West Brookline and West Newton streets.....	105,100
Braddock Park, between Columbus Avenue and N.Y., N.H. & H.R.R.....	3,800
City Hall Grounds, School street.....	7,700
Harriet Tubman Square, Columbus and Warren avenues.....	2,200
*Concord Square, between Tremont street and Columbus avenue.....	5,005
Copley Square, between Huntington avenue, Boylston and Dartmouth streets.....	707
*Franklin Square, Washington street, between East Brookline and East Newton streets.....	105,205
Abraham Lincoln Square (formerly Park Square), Columbus avenue, Eliot street, Broadway.....	2,867
* Massachusetts Ave. Malls, four sections, between Albany street and Columbus avenue.....	106,500
Angell Memorial Square.....	6,747
Rachael Revere Square, North End, 1945.....	3,509
St. Stephen Square, corner St. Stephen street and Symphony road.....	100
Trinity Triangle, Huntington and St. James avenues, 1885.....	7,841
* Union Park, between Tremont street and Shawmut avenue.....	16,000
* Waltham Square, Harrison avenue, opposite Union Park street.....	3,000
* Worcester Square, between Washington street and Harrison avenue.....	16,000

473,994

## BRIGHTON

Brighton Square, Chestnut Hill avenue and Academy Hill road.....	25,035
Cunningham, Edward M. Square, Cambridge, Murdock and Sparhawk streets.....	7,449
* Fern Square, between Franklin and Fern streets.....	1,900
* Jackson Square, Chestnut Hill avenue, Union and Winship streets.....	4,300
Oak Square, Washington and Faneuil streets.....	9,796
Public Grounds, Cambridge and Henshaw streets.....	1,434

49,914

## CHARLESTOWN

City Square, junction of Main and Park streets.....	1,728
Essex Square, Essex and Lyndeboro streets.....	930
Hayes Square, Bunker Hill and Vine streets.....	4,848
Sullivan Square, Main, Cambridge, Sever and Gardner streets..	14,542
* Winthrop Square, Winthrop, Common and Adams streets.....	38,450

67,509

\*Parks, playgrounds, greenspaces assigned job numbers by the Olmsted firm





DORCHESTER	SQUARE FEET
Algonquin Square, Algonquin and Bradlee streets.....	1,728
Andrew, Henry, Square, Adams and Granite streets.....	2,068
Centerville Park, Upland avenue and Bourneside Street..	9,740
* Coppens, Reverend Francis X. Square, Adams and Bowdoin streets (formerly Eaton Square).....	13,280
Denton. Gordon E. Square, Magnolia street.....	3,605
Florida St. Reservation, King to Ashmont streets (7 sections).....	24,193
Kane, Francis G. Square, Bowdoin, Winter and Hancock streets.....	1,600
* Mt. Bowdoin Green, summit of Mt. Bowdoin.....	25,170
Olson, Fred C.W. Square, junction of Adams street and Gallivan Boulevard.....	700
Peabody Square, Ashmont street and Dorchester avenue.....	1,963
* Richardson Square, between Pond and East Cottage streets.....	46,035
* Monsignor O'Donnell Square, junction of Freeport street and Neponset avenue.....	6,263
(Town meeting park) see "Miscellaneous Parks"	
* Tremlett Square, Tremlett street, between Hooper and Waldeck streets.....	7,107
* Wellesley Park, Wellesley park.....	<u>28,971</u>
	238,864

#### EAST BOSTON

* Brophy, Michael J. Park, Webster, Sumner, Lamson and Seaver streets.....	30,000
* Central Square, Meridian and Border streets.....	40,310
* Prescott Square, Trenton, Eagle and Prescott streets.....	12,284
Putnam Square, Putnam, White and Trenton streets.....	11,628
* Scarmella, John A. Square, Sumner and Maverick Streets.....	<u>4,396</u>
	98,618

#### HYDE PARK

Lt. Robert M. Foley Square, junction of Greenwood street and Central avenue.....	220
Jones, Lieut. Parker B. Square, Milton avenue and Highland street.....	220
Webster Square, junction of Webster street and Central avenue.....	220
Williams Square, Williams avenue and Prospect streets.....	700
Wolcott Square, Hyde Park avenue, Milton and Prescott streets.....	220
Woodworth, Horance Campbell, Square, Beacon street and Metropolitan avenue.....	<u>220</u>
	1,800

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job numbers by the Olmsted firm



## ROXBURY

* Cedar Square, Cedar street, between Juniper and Thornton streets.....	26,163
Elm Hill Avenue Tree Reservation, between Seaver and Schuyler streets.....	2,650
Hanlon, Francis G. Square, junction of Huntington avenue, Tremont and Francis streets.....	1,662
* Harris, Horatio, Walnut avenue, Munroe, Townsend and Harold Streets.....	110,040
* Heath, General, Square, Old Heath, New Heath and Parker Streets.....	2,416
* Highland Park, Fort Avenue and Beech Glen Street.....	158,421
* Joslin Park, Deaconess Road and Brookline Avenue.....	13,500
* Kittredge, Alvah Park, Highland Street and Highland Avenue.....	5,600
* Linwood Park, Centre and Linwood Streets....	3,625
* Orchard Park, Chadwick, Orchard Park and Yeoman Streets.....	109,545
Public Ground, corner Blue Hill Avenue and Seaver Street.....	2,500
* Walnut Park, between Washington Street and Walnut Avenue.....	5,736
Warren Square, Warren, St. James and Regent Streets.....	1,380
* Washington Park, Dale and Bainbridge Streets	396,125
* Wolf, Herbert J., Square, Crawford, Abbots- ford and Harold Streets.....	<u>966</u>
	1,120,163

## SOUTH BOSTON

* Independence Square, Broadway, Second, M and N Streets.....	279,218
* Lincoln Square, Emerson, Fourth and M Streets	<u>9,510</u>
	288,728

## WEST ROXBURY

Duffie, Arthur, Square, Clement Avenue, West Roxbury.....	2,200
Gustav Emmet Square, S. Conway, S. Fairview and Robert Streets.....	750
Mahoney, Cornelius J., Square, Centre and Perkins Streets.....	3,200
Oakview Terrace, off Centre Street.....	5,287
Soldiers' Monument Lot, South and Centre Streets, Jamaica Plain.....	<u>5,870</u>
	17,307

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NEW NAME

OLD NAME

\*Allen, Rev. James K. Park  
Alsen, Carl Henry Plgd.  
Angel Memorial Sq.

John J. Donovan Park  
Victory Road  
Post Office Sq.

Beauford, Willis P.F.C. Play Area  
Braddock Park  
\*Michael J. Brophy Park

Woodcliff St. Play Area  
Berwick Park  
Belmont Sq.

Cronin, James L. Playground  
Cronin James L. Park  
\*Cunningham, Edward M. Park  
Connolly, John J.  
Clifford, Edward P. Plgd.  
\*Coppens, Rev. Francis X. Sq.  
\*Walter F. Cassidy Plgd.

Wainwright Park  
Ashmont Playground  
Sparhawk Sq.  
Marcella St. Plgd.  
Eustis, Wm. Plgd.  
Eaton Sq.  
Chestnut Hill Plgd.

\*Dorchester Heights  
DeFillipo, Pvt. John Plgd.  
\*Doherty, Ensign John J. Plgd.

Thomas Pk. Telegraph Hill  
Shnow Hill St.  
Charlestown Heights Plgd.

Edwards Plgd.  
East Boston Memorial Stadium

McCarthy, Leo Plgd.  
East Boston Stadium

Flaherty, John J. Memorial Pk.  
Fallon Field  
Flaherty, Wm. F. Plgd.  
Foley, Lt. Robert M. Sq.

West 3rd St. Plgd. @ B St.  
Roslindale Plgd.  
Brookside Ave. Plgd.  
Greenwood Sq.

Galvin, Thomas Park  
Gibbons, James & Eileen Plgd.

Rogers Park  
Parker Tremont

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NEW NAME

OLD NAME

Hynes, Thomas J. Plgd.  
Hardiman, Kevin Barry Plgd.  
Hanlon, Francis G. Square  
Healey, James F. Plgd.  
Hunt, James Lee Plgd.

V.F.W. Plgd.  
Oak Sq. Plgd.  
Francis Circle  
Forest Hill Plgd.  
Almont St. Plgd.

Iacona, Giovanni Della

Readville Plgd.

Joyce, Wm. F. Plgd.  
Jewish War Veterans Drive  
Jones, Lt. Parker B. Sq.  
\*Joslin Park

Union St. Plgd.  
Circuit Drive  
Milton Sq.  
Longwood Park

Langone, Clementine&Joseph Park  
Laviscount, Rev. Samuel L. Mall  
LoPresti, Senator Michael Sr. Pk.  
Lee, Major Christopher J. Plgd.  
Lincoln, Abraham, Sq.  
Lee, Christopher F.

Waterfront Pk.  
Townsend St. Plaza  
No. Ferry Pk.  
"M" St. Pk.  
Park Sq.  
First St. Plgd.

\*McConnell Pk.  
\*Mullen, Michael Sq.  
Murphy, John W. Plgd.  
Martin, John A. Plgd.

Savin Hill Pk.  
Drohan Sq. Edison Green  
Carolina Ave. Plgd.  
Hiestop St. Plgd.

Norton, Elliot Pk.  
Noodle Island Pool  
Nazzaro, Michael Sr. Bath House

So. Cove Plaza  
Paris St. Pool  
No. Bennett St. Bathhouse

\*O'Donnell, Monsignor Sq.  
O'Day, Thomas F. Plgd.

Spaulding Sq.  
Girls High School Site

Park Drive  
Porzio, Joe  
Polcari, Cpt. Louis Plgd.  
Piemonte, Gabriel Pk.  
Peters Park

Audubon Rd.  
Jeffries Pt. Waterfront  
Prince St. Plgd.  
Lasell St. @ Addington Rd.  
New Rotch

\*Parks, playgrounds, greenspaces assigned  
Job numbers by the climated farm





NEW NAME

Ryan, Robert F. Play Area  
Ross Wesley, G. Plgd.

\* Ronan Pk.

\* Ryan, John J. Plgd.

OLD NAME

Harbor View St.  
Wood Ave. Plgd.  
Mt. Ida Rd.  
Charlestown Plgd.

\* Scarmella, John A. Sq.

Shubow, Jos. S. Pk.

Smith, Wm F. Plgd.

\* *SPARROW, Titus Pk.*

Maverick Sq.

Chicwick Pk.

No Brighton

*WEST RUTLAND SQ*

Tubman, Harriet Sq.

Columbus Sq.

\*Walnut Park between Wash. St.  
& Walnut Ave.

Hyman Hillson Park

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OLD NAMES

\* Almont St. Playground  
Ashmont Plgd.  
Audubon Rd.

\* Belmont Sq.  
Berwick Park  
Brookside Ave. Plgd.

Carolina Ave. Plgd.  
\* Charlestown Heights Plgd.  
\* Charlestown Plgd.  
\* Chestnut Hill Plgd.  
Chiswick Rd.  
Circuit Drive  
Columbus Sq.

\* Daisy Field  
\* Drohan Sq. Edison Green  
Donovan John F. Plgd.

East Boston Stadium  
\* Eaton Sq.  
Eustis, Wm Plgd.

Forest Hills Plgd.  
Francis St. Circle

\* Gibson, Christopher Plgd.  
Girls High School Site  
Greenwood Sq.

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job numbers by the Olmsted firm

NEW NAMES

Jimmie Lee Hunt Plgd.  
James L. Cronin Park  
Park Drive

Michael J. Brophy Park  
Braddock Park  
Wm. F. Flaherty Plgd.

Murphy, John W. Plgd.  
Ensign John J. Doherty Sr. Plgd.  
Ryan, John J.  
Walter F. Cassidy Plgd.  
Shubow, Joseph S. Pk.  
Jewish War Veterans Drive  
Harriet Tubman Sq.

Olmstead Park  
Mullen, Michael Sq.  
Rev. James K. Allen Pk.

East Boston Mem. Stadium  
Rev. Francis X. Coppens Sq.  
Clifford, Edward P.

James F. Healy Plgd.  
Francis G. Hanlon Sq.

John A. Doherty Plgd.  
O'Day Thomas F. Plgd.  
Lt. Robert M. Foley Sq.

EASTON 1911



OLD NAME

NEW NAME

Harborview St.

Robert F. Ryan Play Area

Hilltop St. Plgd.

John A. Martin Plgd.

\* Hilson, Hyman Park

Walnut Park

Jefferies Point, Waterfront Pk.

Joe Porzio Park

Lasell St. at Addington Rd.

Gabriel Permonte Pk.

Lee, Christopher F.

First St. Plgd.

\*Longwood Pk.

Joslin Pk.

\*"M" St. Park :

Major Christopher Lee Plgd.

Marcella St. Plgd.

Connolly, John J.

\*Maverick Sq.

John A. Scarmella Sq.

McCarthy, Leo F. Plgd.

Edwards Plgd.

\*Milton Sq.

Lieut. Park B. Jones Sq.

Mt. Ida Pk.

Ronan Pk.

New Rotch

Peters Park

No. Bennet St. Bath House

Michael Nazzaro Sr. Bath House

No. Brighton

Smith, Wm. F. Plgd.

No. End Park Phase 1&2

Joseph & Clementine Langone Pk

No. Ferry Pk.

Senator Michael LoPresti Sr. Pk

Oak Sq. Plgd.

Hardiman, Kevin Barry Plgd.

Paris St. Pool

Noodle Island Swimming Pool

Park Sq.

Abraham Lincoln Sq.

Parker Tremont

Gibbons, James & Eileen Plgd.

Post Office Sq.

Angel Memorial Sq..

Prince St. Plgd.

Capt. Louis Polcari Plgd.

Readville Plgd.

Iacono, Giovanni Della

Rogers Park

Galvin, Thomas Pk.

Roslindale Plgd.

Fallon Plgd.

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OLD NAMES

NEW NAME

Win Hill Park  
So. Cove Plaza  
Sparhawk Sq.  
Spaulding Sq.

McConnell Pk.  
Norton, Eliot Park  
Cunningham, Edward M. Pk.  
O'Donnell Monsignor Sq.

Telegraph Hill  
Thomas Park  
Townsend St. Plaza

Dorchester Heights  
Laviscount, Rev. Samuel L. Mall

Union St. Plgd.

Joyce, Wm. F. Plgd.

V.F.w. Plgd.  
Victory Rd.

Hynes Thomas J. Plgd.  
Alesen, Carl Henry Plgd.

Winwright Pk.  
Waterfront Pk.  
West Third St. Plgd. @ "B" St.  
Wood Ave. Plgd.  
Woodcliff St. Play Area

Cronin, James L.  
Langone, Joseph & Clementine Pk.  
Flaherty, John J. Mem. Pk.  
Ross, Wesley G. Plgd.  
Beauford, Willis P.F.C.  
Play Area

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APPENDIX B

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BOSTON SMALL PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Inventory Listing of Plans of Boston Projects Found  
at Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site.

Billings Field(#904)

#of Plans	Date	Brief Description
#2	Undated	Property line map
#5	7-2-1897	Topo map of Billings field
#8	12-30-1897	Preliminary plan for Billings Field
#9	12-30-1897	Preliminary plan



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#### Columbia Road Playground (#911)\*

# of Plans	Date	Brief Description
#1	6-19-1897	Topo, includes part of Strandway
#3	7-6-1897	Preliminary plan for Mercer Street Playground. Open play with running track and gym Ink on Linen.
#4	7-19-1897	Sketch plan, gym and playground
#6	7-29-1897	Refined Preliminary sketch
#7	6-30-1897	Topo, ink in linen
#9	8-2-1897	Revised preliminary Men and womens gym
#10	8-2-1897	Revised preliminary plan. Men and womens gym=5 acres, concert grove and playground =8 acres.

\*-Also known as Mercer Street Playground

-All plans are by Percy R. Jones



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Dorchester Avenue Playground

# of Plan	Date	Brief Description
#1	6-14-1897	Topo of site. bounded Dorchester Ave., Park St., Geneva Ave., Mel- vill Ave.
#3	7-24-1897	Sketch Plan of Play ground.
#4	7-6-1897	Topo by Wm Jackson City Engineer
#6	10-20-1897	Preliminary Plan. similar to #3 with added land





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#### Dorchester Park (#912)

# of Plans	Date	Brief Description
#1		Sketch of Shelter
#2	Undated	Sketch of Shelter
#3	10-18-1893	Sketch of vicinity to accompany letter to Old Colony RR
#4	5-15-1894	Topo map of part of Dorchester Park (heavily wooded) C.F. Baxter. C.E.
#5	12-13-1895	Location of site- ink on linen
#6	12-13-1895	Print of #5
#7		Print of Topo
#8		Changes in boundary
#9		Changes in boundary
#10		Preliminary study
#11		Same as #10
#12	1-16-1895	Preliminary plan for Dorchester Park-ink on linen. Path system with playground area



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Fellows Street Playground(#915)\*

# of Plans	Date	Brief Description
#1	11-20-1896	Outline map. (Harrison Ave.)
#5	11-30-1896	Preliminary plan. Ink on linen Hunneman, Fellows St., Fellow's Place
#6	3-15-1897	Revised preliminary plan
#7	12- -1896	Topo blueprint

\*Also Known as Sullivan Palyground/Roxbury



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### Fountain Square (#957)\*

# of Plans	Date	Brief Description
#1	3-22-1912	Topo of Fountain Square. Bounded by Walnut, Townsend, Harold, Monroe Sts.
#2	2-3-1913	Topo map by Olmsted Brothers. no change from previously existing paths plus one more. Original job number was #950 but changed to #957.

\*Also known as Horatio Harris Park/Roxbury



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### Freeport Street Triangle (#919)\*

# of Plans	Date	Brief Description
#1	1-19-1897	Location map for Street Dept. bound- ed by Freeport St. and Neponset Ave.
#2	2-4-1897	Preliminary plan for Street Dept. tentative plan

\* Also known as Spaulding Square and O'Donnel Square





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at Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site.

Kemp Street Playground (#921)

# of Plans	Date	Brief Description
#1	12-19-1986	Plan of streets, Dorchester and Kemp and Mt. Vernon.(2 shaded areas indicate site location unde- cided.
#4	6-2-1897	Playground and gym- nasium(similar to Charlesbank) between Wash. Ave., Kemp St., and Old Colony RR.



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M Street Playground (#925)

# of Plans	Date	Brief Description
#1	11-24-1896	Location map So. Boston near Independence Square
#2		Outline of Boundaries
#6	12-1-1896	Study: ink on linen
#9	1-26-1896	Preliminary plan Gymnastic ground for men's playground
#11		Study



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#### Neponset Avenue Playground (#     )

# of Plans	Date	Brief Description
#2	6-10-1896	Study for Boundaries
#3	6-15-1896	Plan of location ink on linen
#13	10-10-1896	Plan showing property boundaries-ink on linen
#14	12-14-1896	Plan of land at Neponset taken for a playground
#15a	7-8-1897	Alternate study of facilities in plan 15b
#15b	7-8-1897	Study of playground and gymnasium, children's sandcourt
#18	7-21-1897	Sketch similar to 15b



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#### Orchard Park (#938)\*

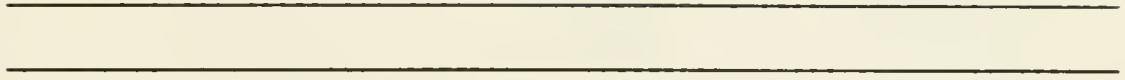
# of Plans	Date	Brief Description
#7	7-1912	A survey with notes Bounded by Charwick, Yeoman, Adams, Orchard Park Sts.
#2	7-1912	Topo map, blue print and plans.
#10	8-9-1913	Orchard Park, sketch for shelter. Boston Public Grounds Dept. Olmsted Brothers.
#6	1-30-1913	Orchard Park, Prelim- inary plan. $\frac{1}{2}$ for active/ <del>the</del> passive

\*Orchard Park was originally job numbered to #950 but changed  
to #938.





## APPENDIX C





DORCHESTER  
PARKS

JOHN A. DOHERTY  
CHRISTOPHER GIBSON

DORCHESTER FEB. 1918

Scale: 1" = 40'

Plan No. 3005M

Plan Title: RECORD

☐ Sketch

☐ Prelim.

☐ Contract

☒ Record

☒ Dept. Plan

☐ Other

Information:

☒ Drains

☒ Water

☐ Electric

☐ Gas

☐ Play Equipment

☐ Other.....

☒ Buildings

☒ Structures

☒ Walks

☒ Roads

☒ Property Line

☐ Walls

☐ Grades

☐ Contours

☒ Trees

☐ Detail

Location Ref.: DORCHESTER AVE, GENEVA AVE, PARK ST,  
GIBSON ST, BOURNESIDE ST

Remarks.....

GIBSON

Location

District

Plan Date

Plan No.

JOHN A. DOHERTY &  
CHRISTOPHER GIBSON  
PLAYGROUNDS

DORCHESTER

MARCH 6, 1929

3006M

Scale: 1" = 40'

Plan Title: RECORD

☐ Sketch

☐ Prelim.

☐ Contract

☒ Record

☒ Dept. Plan

☐ Other

Information:

☒ Drains

☒ Water

☐ Electric

☐ Gas

☐ Play Equipment

☐ Other.....

☒ Buildings

☒ Structures

☒ Walks

☒ Roads

☒ Property Line

☐ Walls

☐ Grades

☐ Contours

☒ Trees

☐ Detail

Location Ref.: DORCHESTER AVE, GENEVA AVE, PARK ST,  
GIBSON ST, BOURNESIDE ST.

Remarks.....

.. taken from Wa. L. H.  
Richardson

for park purposes  
1-5-1909.

Location

District

Plan Date

Plan No.

SAVIN HILL PARK

DORCHESTER

AUGUST 1909

3008M

Scale: 1" = 40'

Plan Title: RECORD

☐ Sketch

☐ Prelim.

☐ Contract

☒ Record

☒ Dept. Plan

☐ Other

Information:

☒ Drains

☐ Water

☐ Electric

☐ Gas

☐ Play Equipment

☐ Other.....

☐ Buildings

☐ Structures

☐ Walks

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☒ Property Line

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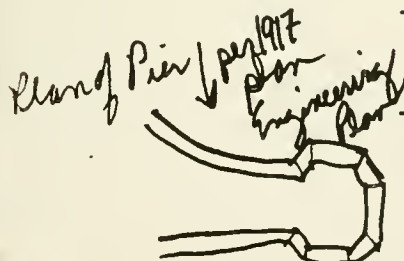
☐ Trees

☐ Detail

Location Ref.: Savin Hill = aka = McConnell Park

Remarks GRAMPIAN WAY, CASPIAN WAY, ALPINE

\* City Plan # 3244 dated 1916 Drawn by Park Eng. : M. A. N. + M. A. N.



also Plan #:  
163224A (1916)  
(3 Drawings)



REMARKS:

PLAN 1916  
NOT CLUSTED  
PLAN  
L STREET.

Location <b>DORCHESTER PARK</b>	District <b>DORCHESTER</b>	Plan Date <b>MARCH 1916</b>	Plan No. <b>3014 M</b>		
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Location Ref.: **DORCHESTER AVE, ADAMS ST, RICHMOND ST**

NOT CLUSTED  
L STREET  
PLAN.  
NO DATE

Location <b>MARY HEMENWAY PLAYGROUND</b>	District <b>DORCHESTER</b>	Plan Date	Plan No. <b>3010 M</b>		
		Scale: 1" = 30'			
Plan Title: <b>RECORD</b>					
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Information:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drains <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Play Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Buildings <input type="checkbox"/> Structures <input type="checkbox"/> Walks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roads <input type="checkbox"/> Property Line	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walls <input type="checkbox"/> Grades <input type="checkbox"/> Contours <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trees <input type="checkbox"/> Detail		

Location Ref.: **ADAMS ST, GUSTINE ST, AINSLEY ST**

Remarks.....

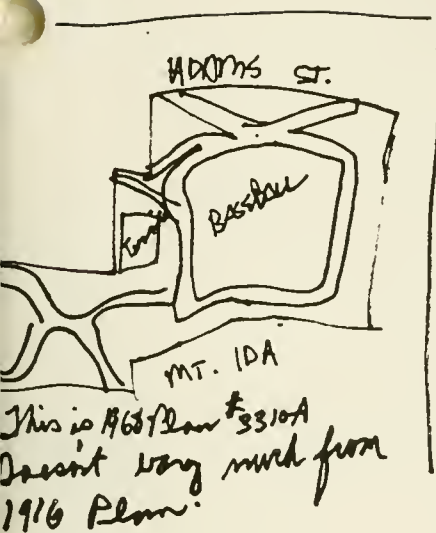
1919  
NOT CLUSTED  
PLAN

Location <b>TENEAN BEACH</b>	District <b>DORCHESTER</b>	Plan Date <b>APRIL 1919</b>	Plan No. <b>3009 M</b>		
		Scale: 1" = 30'			
Plan Title: <b>RECORD</b>					
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Location Ref.: **TENEAN ST. CONLEY ST**

Remarks.....





Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
RONAN PARK	DORCHESTER	FEB. 1918	3013 M
		Scale: 1" = 40'	

Plan Title: RECORD

☐ Sketch
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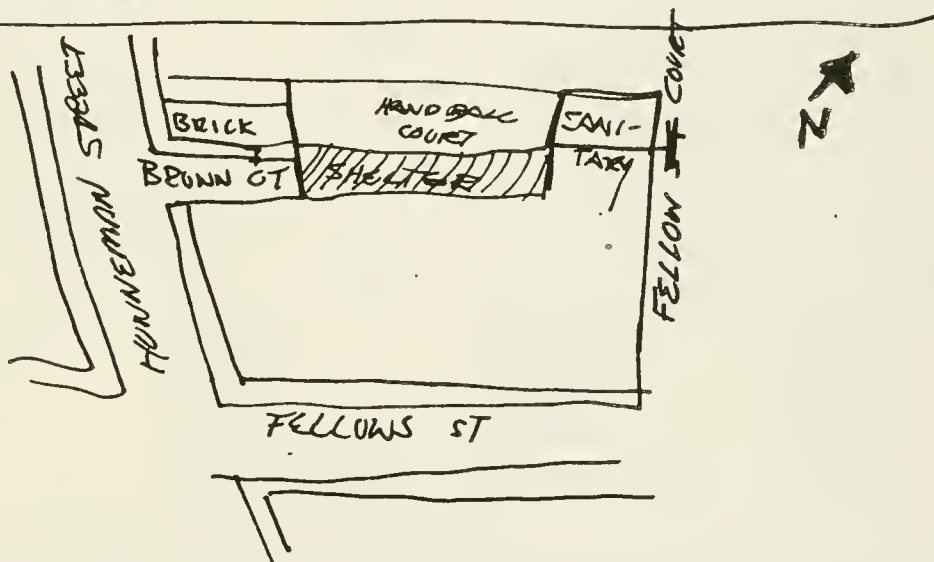
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<input type="checkbox"/> Play Equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Line	<input type="checkbox"/> Detail
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Location Ref.: MT. IDA RD, ADAMS ST, PERCIVAL ST  
LINDEN ST, MARIE ST

Remarks: Boston City Plan # 3223A is a 1916 plan - not Obsolete  
Drawn by Park Engineer Dept.

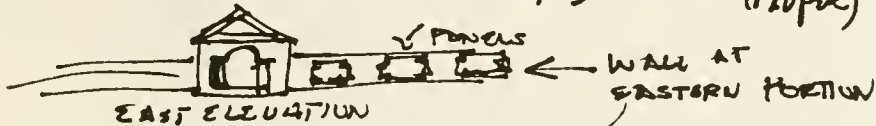
FELLOWS ST. PLAYGROUND / ROXBURY / 5-3-1900 / #PLAN 15 201B  
 - ILLUSTRATION OF DESIGN SCHEME  
 - NOT AN UNTESTED PLAN -> CITY OF BOSTON  
 PARK DEPARTMENT







UNEXPECTED  
 → DISCOVERY: A.A. SAUKCLIFF DESIGN C. 1945 of  
 A PARK AT NORTH SQ., BOSTON (PRUPER)



PLAN →



ROXBURY

Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
MISSION HILL PLAYGROUND	ROXBURY		13009M
		Scale: =	

Plan Title:

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Location Ref.:

Remarks: SMITH ST, TREMONT ST, FAXON ST.

HYDE PARK

Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
SMITH POND PLAYGROUNDS	HYDE PARK	FEB. 16, 1916	13000A
		Scale: 1' = 60'	

Plan Title: RECORD

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Location Ref.: TURTLE POND RD. BRAINARD ST. CLEVELAND ST  
 BEAVER ST. CHILD ST. GORDEN AVE

Remarks:



WEST  
ROXBURY

Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
BILLINGS FIELD PLAYGROUNDS	WEST ROX.	Scale: 1" = 50'	10001

Plan Title: RECORD

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Location Ref.: LAGRANGE ST. BELLEVUE ST. STURGES RD

Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
BILLINGS FIELD PLAYGROUNDS	WEST ROX.	JAN. 1918	10000
		Scale: 1" = 40'	

Plan Title: RECORD

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Location Ref.: LAGRANGE ST. BELLEVUE ST. STURGES

Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
FALLON FIELD PLAYGROUNDS	WEST ROX	JAN 1918	10002
		Scale: 1" = 40'	

Plan Title: RECORD

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Location Ref.: ROBERT ST. SO. WALTER ST.

Remarks:



# REMARKS

BOSTON  
PROPERTY

4204B CONCORD + RUTLAND SQ BOSTON

Plan Date  
Sept. 12 1913

Scale: =

MICROFILM

Plan No.

4204 F

Plan Title: IRON PICKET FENCE FOR CONCORD + RUTLAND SQS.

☐ Sketch ☐ Prelim. ☐ Contract ☐ Record ☐ Dept. Plan ☐ Other

Information: ☐ Drains ☐ Buildings ☐ Walls  
☐ Water ☐ Structures ☐ Grades  
☐ Electric ☐ Walks ☐ Contours  
☐ Gas ☐ Roads ☐ Trees  
☐ Play Equipment ☐ Property Line ☐ Detail  
☐ Other

Location Ref.:

NOT OLMSTED BURG.

PLAN #4001A IS  
AN OLMSTED BURG.  
DATED: 1-30-1913  
PLAN #1

4001A

MICROFILM

Location

District

Plan Date

Plan No.

Blackstone Park

Boston

JAN 30 1913

4001 A

Scale: 1" = 20'

Plan Title: TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP OF BLACKSTONE PARK

☐ Sketch ☐ Prelim. ☐ Contract ☐ Record ☐ Dept. Plan ☐ Other

Information: ☐ Drains ☐ Buildings ☐ Walls  
☐ Water ☐ Structures ☐ Grades  
☐ Electric ☐ Walks ☐ Contours  
☐ Gas ☐ Roads ☐ Trees  
☐ Play Equipment ☐ Property Line ☐ Detail  
☐ Other

Location Ref.:

FRANKLIN SQ IS BLACKSTONE "COMPANY" SQUARE

4011 B

1890 - 1529A

MICROFILM

Location

District

Plan Date

Plan No.

Blackstone Square

Boston

1891

4011 B

Scale: 1" = 20'

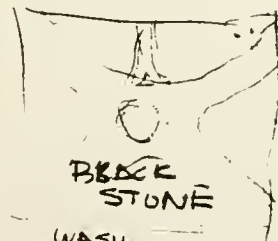
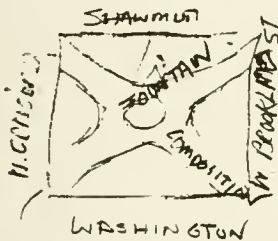
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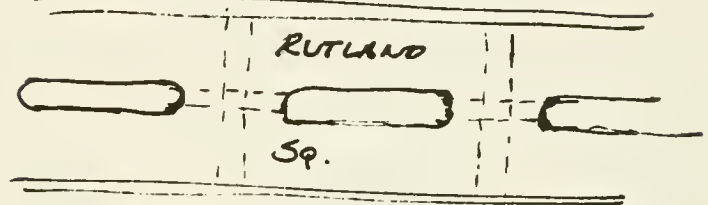
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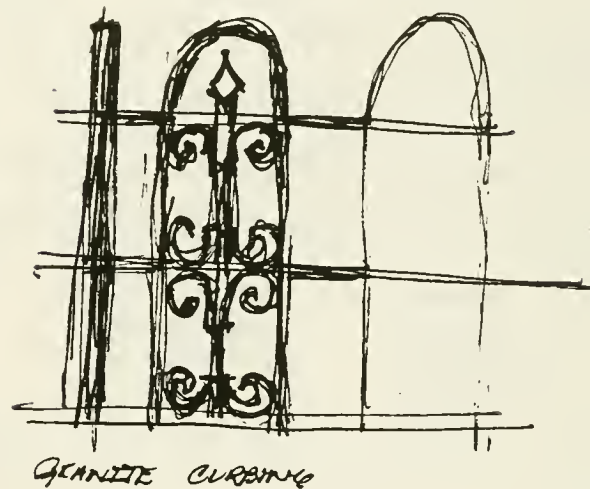
THIS IS (4011B).  
1891 PLAN VERY  
SIMILAR IN  
DESIGN TO  
OLMSTED 1913  
PLAN



CITY WALL PLAN # 4208C  
OLMSTED DESIGN  
FOR RUTLAND SQ.  
DATE FEB 11, 1913  
PLAN # 1



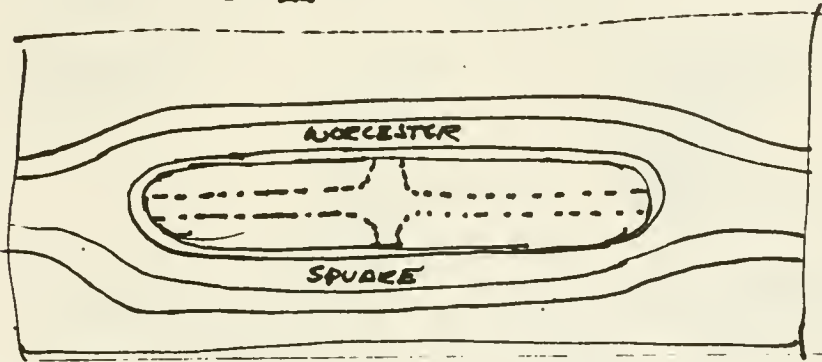
WALTHAM SQ.  
DETAIL OF  
IRON FENCING ON  
PLAN:







WORCESTER Sq BOSTON Proper CITY HALL  
 PLAN #4201B  
 REMARKS: TOPO MAP  
 CLIMATED SECT., LANDSCAPE ARCHT.S  
 FEB. 8, 1913  
 PLAN NO. 1



NOT  
 IMPORTANT —  
 FOR  
 BOSTON  
 INVENTORY

Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
BRIGHTON SQUARE	BRIGHTON	1 MAR 1913	2000 B
		Scale: 1" = 20'	

Plan Title: TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP					
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Roads	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trees		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Play Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Property Line	<input type="checkbox"/> Detail		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other AREA				

Location Ref.: CHESTNUT HILL AVE. AT ACADEMY HILL ROAD

Remarks.....

Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
WORCESTER SQ	Boston	FEB 8, 1913	4000 B
		Scale: 1" = 20'	

Plan Title: TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP of WORCESTER SQUARE					
<input type="checkbox"/> Sketch	<input type="checkbox"/> Prelim.	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Record	<input type="checkbox"/> Dept. Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Information:	<input type="checkbox"/> Drains	<input type="checkbox"/> Buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Walls		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Structures	<input type="checkbox"/> Grades		
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Play Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Property Line	<input type="checkbox"/> Detail		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other				

Location Ref.:

Remarks.....



#950:

Dor. Pk.

DATE of  
PLAN: 1893

Scale: 1" = 40'

MICROFILM

CITY GREENHOUSE.

CITY HALL PLAN #3004A

OLMSTED DES.

7-2-1913

Plan Title: Plan of Dorchester Park

☐ Sketch☐ Prelim.☐ Contract☐ Record☒ Dept. Plan☐ Other

Information:

☐ Drains☐ Water☐ Electric☐ Gas☐ Play Equipment☐ Other☐ Buildings☐ Structures☐ Walks☐ Roads☒ Property Line☐ Walls☐ Grades☐ Contours☐ Trees☐ Detail

Location Ref.:

3204-A = NOT AN OLIVESTED PLAN

Remarks:

PREPARED BY PARK DEPT -  
BOUNDARY PLAN.

MICROFILM

Location

DONOVAN PARK

District

DORCHESTER

Plan Date

JULY 12, 1912

Plan No.

3211 A

Scale: 1" = 20'

Plan Title:

DORCHESTER SQUARE

☐ Sketch☐ Prelim.☐ Contract☐ Record☐ Dept. Plan☐ Other

Information:

☐ Drains☐ Water☐ Electric☐ Gas☐ Play Equipment☐ Other☐ Buildings☒ Structures MONUMENT☒ Walks☒ Roads☐ Property Line☐ Walls☒ Grades☒ Contours☒ Trees☐ Detail

Location Ref.:

OLIVESTED PLAN! 7-12-1912

Remarks:

TOPO SURVEY

PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPT

MICROFILM

Location

EATON SQUARE

District

DORCHESTER

Plan Date

MARCH 4 1913

Plan No.

3204B

Scale: 1" = 20'

3204C

Plan Title:

TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP OF EATON Sq.

☐ Sketch☐ Prelim.☐ Contract☐ Record☐ Dept. Plan☒ Other

Information:

☐ Drains☐ Water☐ Electric☐ Gas☐ Play Equipment☐ Other FOUNTAIN☐ Buildings☐ Structures☐ Walks☐ Roads☒ Property Line☐ Walls☒ Grades☒ Contours☒ Trees☐ Detail

Location Ref.:

BOWDOIN STREET AT ADAMS STREET, DOR.

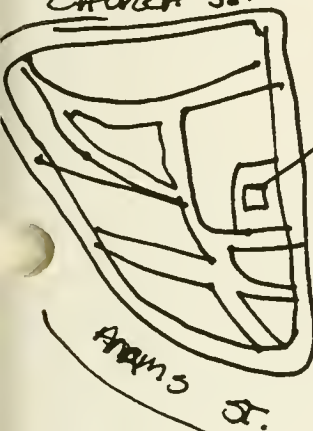
Remarks:

Topo Map for Eaton Sq. dated Mar. 4 1913

An Olivestad Bros. prepared for Public Grounds Dept.

2-15-85

CHURCH ST.



SOLDIER MONUMENT

WINTER

Olivestad plan

BOWDOIN ST.

ADAMS ST.

CHURCH ST.

Bowdoin

Fountain

9



Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
Dor. Pk.	Dor.	May 15, 1894	3207-A
		Scale: 1" = 40"	

Plan Title: Topo Map of Part of Dor. Pk.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Other		

Location Ref.:

Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
Dorchester Pk.	Dor.	Nov. 9, 1897	3202-C
		Scale: 1" = 40'	

Plan Title: Proposed Taking of Land For Park Purposes

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<input type="checkbox"/> Other		

Location Ref.:

Remarks: Proposed Taking From City Hospital Dept.

Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
Dorchester Pk.	Dor,		5001
		Scale: =	

Plan Title: Almont St. Dor. Pk. Francis Parkman Fallon Field

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Information:

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Location Ref.: Mass. UB-15

Remarks:





Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
GARVEY Playground	Dorchester	June 21, 1897	3203
		Scale: 1" = 20'	

Plan Title: PLAN OF LAND FOR PROPOSED TIDE GATE

☐ Sketch
 ☐ Prelim.
 ☐ Contract
 ☐ Record
 ☐ Dept. Plan
 ☒ Other

Information:

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Location Ref.: TEANEH ST. NEAR FULTON ST. { TEANEH ST.  
CULVERT

Remarks:

MICROFILM

Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
RICHARDSON SQUARE	DORCHESTER	FEB. 28, 1913	3214 A
		Scale: 1" = 20'	

Plan Title: TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP RICHARDSON SQUARE

☐ Sketch
 ☐ Prelim.
 ☐ Contract
 ☐ Record
 ☐ Dept. Plan
 ☐ Other

Information:

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Location Ref.:

Remarks: SHOWS LOCATION OF BLAKE HOUSE

MICROFILM

Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
Drohan Square	Dorchester	MARCH 4 1913	3206C
		Scale: 1" = 20'	

Plan Title: TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP OF DROHAN SQUARE

☐ Sketch
 ☐ Prelim.
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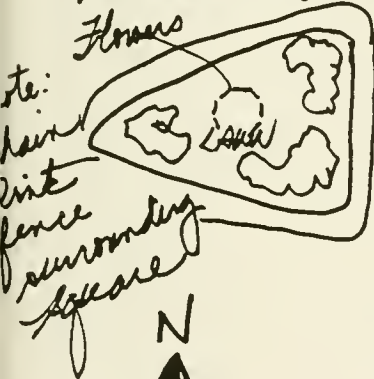
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other		

Location Ref.: EDISON GREEN

Remarks: Topo Map dated Mar 4, 1913 by Olmsted

Drohan Sq per  
1954 plan (City Hall Plan # 3220C)



Edison Green

Edison Green





WALK AT  
L STREET

RIPLY  
PLAYGROUND

DORCHESTER

JUNE 1918  
Scale: 1" = 20'

MICROFILM  
3236

Plan Title: GRADING AND COMPLETING

☐ Sketch ☐ Prelim. ☐ Contract ☐ Record ☐ Dept. Plan ☒ Other

Information:

☒ Drains

☐ Buildings

☐ Walls

☒ Water

☐ Structures

☒ Grades

☐ Electric

☐ Walks

☒ Contours

☐ Gas

☐ Roads

☒ Trees

☐ Play Equipment

☐ Property Line

☐ Detail

☐ Other

Location Ref.:

D

Location

District

Plan Date

Plan No.

RONAN PARK

DORCHESTER

SEPT. 3, 1915

MICROFILM

Scale: =

3220 A

Plan Title: GRADING, DRAINAGE, WALKS & CONCRETE WORK

☐ Sketch ☐ Prelim. ☐ Contract ☐ Record ☒ Dept. Plan ☐ Other

Information:

☐ Drains

☐ Buildings

☒ Walls

☐ Water

☐ Structures

☐ Grades

☐ Electric

☐ Walks

☐ Contours

☐ Gas

☐ Roads

☐ Trees

☐ Play Equipment

☐ Property Line

☒ Detail

☐ Other

Location Ref.:

Remarks: ALSO CROSS SECTIONS

Location

District

Plan Date

Plan No.

RONAN PARK

DORCHESTER

SEPT. 3, 1915

MICROFILM

Scale: 1" = 40'

3217 A

Plan Title: GRADING, DRAINAGE, WALKS & CONCRETE WORK

☐ Sketch ☐ Prelim. ☐ Contract ☐ Record ☒ Dept. Plan ☐ Other

Information:

☒ Drains

☐ Buildings

☐ Walls

☐ Water

☐ Structures

☒ Grades

☐ Electric

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☒ Contours

☐ Gas

☒ Roads

☐ Trees

☐ Play Equipment

☐ Property Line

☐ Detail

☐ Other

Location Ref.:

Remarks:



Location <i>ROMAN PARK</i>	District <i>DORCHESTER</i>	Plan Date <i>AUG. 1915</i>	Plan No. <i>MICROFILM 3218 A</i>
		Scale: 1" = 40'	

Plan Title: *GRADING, RETAINING WALLS AND STAIRWAYS*

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Location Ref.:

Remarks: *McConnell Park*

Location <i>SAVIN HILL PLAYGROUND</i>	District <i>DORCHESTER</i>	Plan Date <i>SEPT 1916</i>	Plan No. <i>MICROFILM 3224 A</i>
		Scale: 1" = 40'	

Plan Title: *SEA WALL & GRADING*

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Location Ref.:

Remarks: *Frank plan # 3209A (1899) Basic plan prepared City of Boston Park Dept. - by Engineering Dept./Putnam and Sigsbee MICROFILM*

Location <i>SAVIN HILL PLAYGRD.</i>	District <i>DORCHESTER</i>	Plan Date <i>NOV. 1917</i>	Plan No. <i>3232A</i>
		Scale: 1/4" = 1"	

Plan Title: *SEA WALL AND GRADING DETAILS OF PICK HEAD*

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Location Ref.:

Remarks:



Location <i>RONAN PARK</i>	District <i>DORCHESTER</i>	Plan Date <i>APRIL 1916</i>	Plan No. <i>3222 A</i>
		Scale: =	

Plan Title: *WALLS AND STAIRWAYS FOR NORTHERN PORTION*

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Location Ref.:

Location <i>RONAN PARK</i>	District <i>DORCHESTER</i>	Plan Date <i>JULY 9 1931</i>	Plan No. <i>3254 A</i>
		Scale: 1" = 40'	

Plan Title: *CONCRETE WALLS AT RONAN PARK*

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Location Ref.:

Remarks:

Location <i>RONAN PARK</i>	District <i>DORCHESTER</i>	Plan Date <i>26 JUN 1916</i>	Plan No. <i>3223 A</i>
		Scale: 1" = 40'	

Plan Title: *LOCATION OF ELECTRICAL LIGHTS*

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Location Ref.:

Remarks: *Shows Elec. M.H. Detail*





Location	District	Plan Date	MICROFILM Plan No.
MAYERICK SQ.	EAST BOSTON	JUNE 1 1928	92146
		Scale: 1" = 20'	

Plan Title: MAYERICK SQUARE

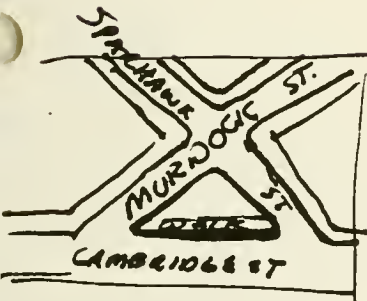
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Location Ref.:

Remarks.....



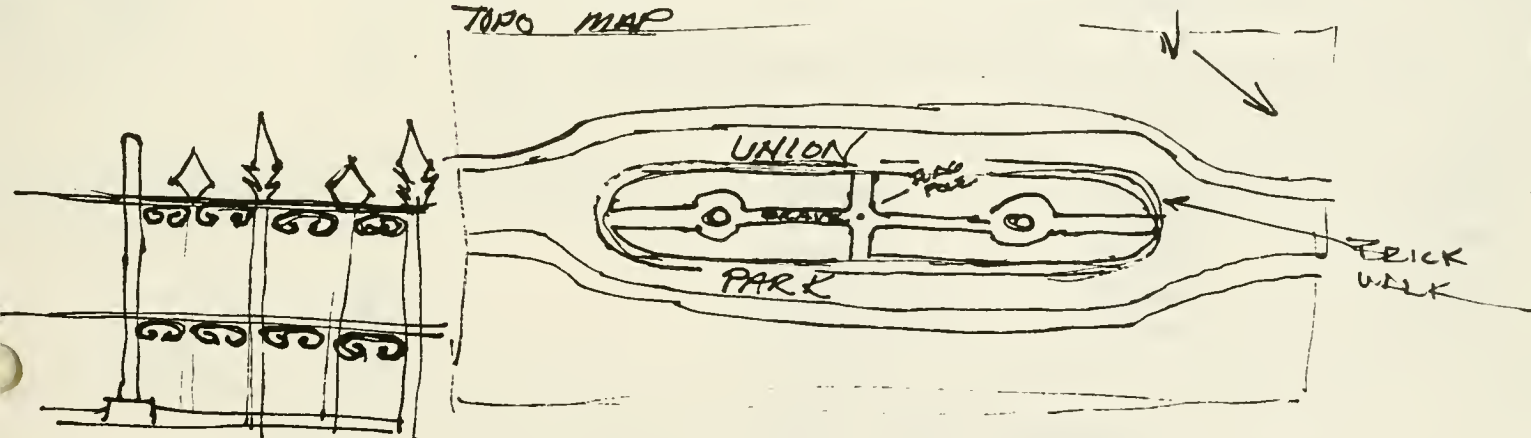
SPARHAWK SQUARE BRIGHTON 2203 B  
LIMITED PLAN FOR SPARHAWK PREPARED FOR PUBLIC  
WORKS DEPT. DATE: MARCH 17, 1913  
PLAN

CITY HALL PLAN #4200B

UNION PARK - BOSTON, PROPER - 2-5-1913

NOTES: OLIMSTED BROS., LANDSCAPE ARCH'TS.

TOPO MAP



INCLUDED  
 DETAIL OF  
 IRON FENCING





Location: **SPALDING SQUARE** District: **DORCHESTER** Plan Date: **APRIL 5, 1913** Plan No.: **3213**  
Scale: 1" = 10'

Plan Title: **TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP SPALDING SQUARE**

☐ Sketch ☐ Prelim. ☐ Contract ☐ Record ☐ Dept. Plan ☒ Other

Information:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Other		

Location Ref.: **Spaulding Sq. Topo Map dated 4-5-1913 by Albrecht Bros. prepared for Public Works Dept.**

Remarks: **Shows B.M. on Stone Bound.**

Location: **TENEAN BEACH** District: **DORCHESTER** Plan Date: **OCT 1917** Plan No.: **3230**  
Scale: 1" = 30'

Plan Title: **BULKHEAD & GRADING**

☐ Sketch ☐ Prelim. ☐ Contract ☐ Record ☐ Dept. Plan ☐ Other

Information:

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Location Ref.:

Location: **TREMLET PARK** District: **DORCHESTER** Plan Date: **MARCH 1, 1913** Plan No.: **3205C**  
Scale: 1" = 20'

Plan Title: **TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP of TREMLET PARK**

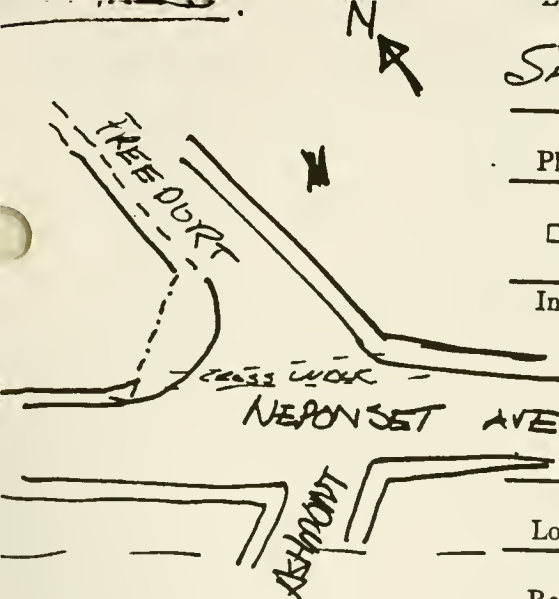
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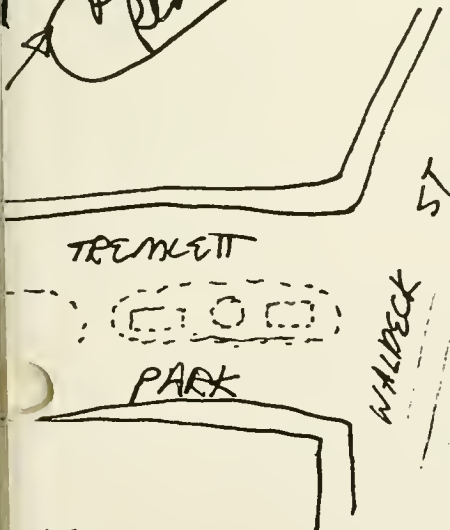
Location Ref.: **AT WALDOCK STREET.**

Remarks: **Topo Map dated Mar 1, 1913 by Albrecht Bros. prepared for Public Works Dept.**



TENEAN BEACH 20th 3rd  
CITY HALL RECORDS  
GENERAL PLAN OF  
BOTH USES. DRIVEWAY.  
1934 AN C.W.A. PROJECT

Plan # 3205C  
Albrecht  
Plan # 3205C





Location <i>WALKER PLAYGROUND</i>	District <i>DORCHESTER</i>	Plan Date <i>JULY 9, 1915</i>	Plan No. <i>3219 A</i>
		Scale: 1" = 30'	

Plan Title: *NORFOLK ST. PLAYGROUND*

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Other.....			

Location Ref.:

Location <i>Winthrop Playground</i>	District <i>Dorchester</i>	Plan Date <i>MAY 28, 1912</i>	Plan No. <i>3203 B</i>
		Scale: 1" = 20'	

Plan Title: *John Winthrop Playground - Grading And Wall*

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Other.....			

Location Ref.: *DACIA & DANUBE STS.*

Remarks.....

Location <i>John Winthrop</i>	District <i>Dor.</i>	Plan Date	Plan No. <i>3853</i>
		Scale: 1" = 20'	

Plan Title: *Recreation Facilities, Construction of*

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Location Ref.:

Remarks.....

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*6 sheets*



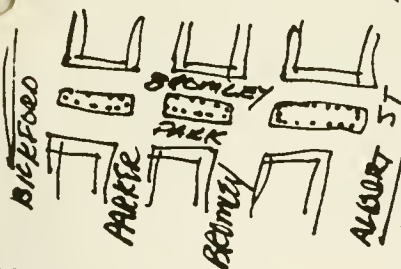
REMARKS:  
PLAN OF PARK  
DATED 1917.

SIGNED: C.E. PUTNAM

Bromley Park Roxbury

Plan Date  
Oct 1917  
Scale: 1" = 30'

Plan No.  
15222



BROMLEY PARK NOT AN  
OLMSTED PLAN  
NOTE: - SURROUNDED BY  
RUN PENCILING.

Plan Title: Tree Picket Fence

☐ Sketch ☐ Prelim. ☐ Contract ☐ Record ☐ Dept. Plan ☐ Other

Information: ☐ Drains ☐ Buildings ☐ Walls  
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☐ Play Equipment ☐ Property Line ☐ Detail  
☐ Other

Location Ref.: NON EXTANT

Location  
BROMLEY  
PARK

District  
ROXBURY

Plan Date  
MAR 14 1913

MICROFILM  
Plan No.  
15005 B

Scale: 1" = 30'

Plan Title: TOPO OF BROMLEY PARK

☐ Sketch ☐ Prelim. ☐ Contract ☐ Record ☐ Dept. Plan ☐ Other

Information: ☐ Drains ☐ Buildings ☐ Walls  
☐ Water ☐ Structures ☐ Grades  
☐ Electric ☐ Walks ☐ Contours  
☐ Gas ☐ Roads ☐ Trees  
☐ Play Equipment ☐ Property Line ☐ Detail  
☐ Other

Location Ref.:

Remarks: Yes, Olmsted Topo dated 3-14-1913 for  
Public Grounds Department

Location  
CEDAR SQUARE

District  
ROXBURY

Plan Date  
MAR 14 1913

MICROFILM  
Plan No.  
15004 B  
15219 B

Scale: 1" = 20'

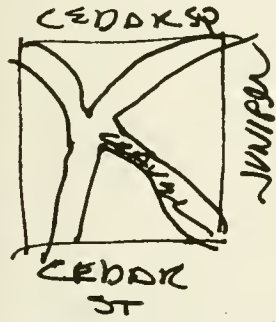
Plan Title: TOPO OF CEDAR SQUARE

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Information: ☐ Drains ☐ Buildings ☐ Walls  
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☐ Gas ☐ Roads ☐ Trees  
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☐ Other

Location Ref.:

Remarks: Yes - Olmsted plan (Topo) dated  
March 14, 1913 at 2 street Bath House.



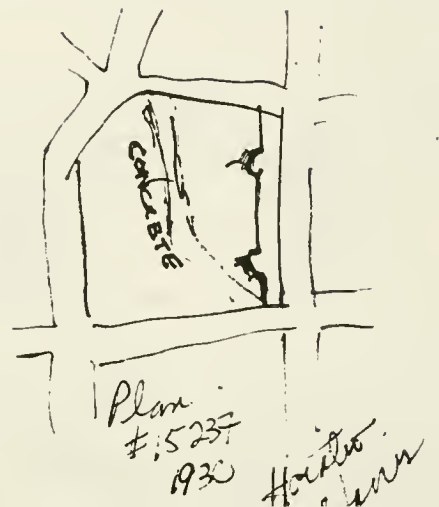
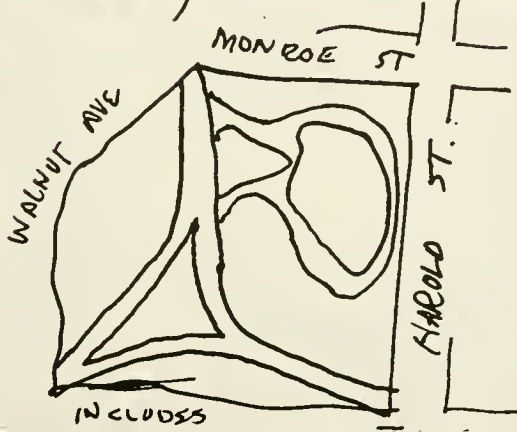
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JUNIPER





GENERAL SCHEME of 1985 SABAKI PLAN







1) STONE WALL WESTERN + SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES

2) ROXBURY FLOODSTONE OUTCROPPINGS.

3) GRAVEL WALKS

MICROFILM

Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
CEDAR SQUARE	Boston Roxbury	Mar. 19 1913	4202
Scale: 1" = 20'			

Plan Title: Topographical Map of Cedar Square

☐ Sketch ☐ Prelim. ☐ Contract ☐ Record ☐ Dept. Plan ☐ Other

Information: ☐ Drains ☐ Buildings ☐ Walls  
☐ Water ☐ Structures ☐ Grades  
☐ Electric ☐ Walks ☐ Contours  
☐ Gas ☐ Roads ☐ Trees  
☐ Play Equipment ☐ Property Line ☐ Detail  
☐ Other.....

Location Ref.: Cedar Sq. Topo Plan dated 4-19-1913 by Olmsted Bros. prepared for Public Grounds Dept. MICROFILM

Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
HAROLD SQUARE	Roxbury	Mar 25 1913	15208
Scale: 1" = 10'			5062

Plan Title: Topographical Map of Harold Square

☐ Sketch ☐ Prelim. ☐ Contract ☐ Record ☐ Dept. Plan ☐ Other

Information: ☐ Drains ☐ Buildings ☐ Walls  
☐ Water ☐ Structures ☐ Grades  
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☐ Gas ☐ Roads ☐ Trees  
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☐ Other.....

Location Ref.: Olmsted Harold Sq. #15002B - Olmsted Bros. 1913

CITY HALL PLAN  
#15015A

TOPO MAP FOR PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPT  
FOR FOUNTAIN SP. DATED: FEB 1913 MICROFILM

Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
HORATIO HARRIS PARK	ROXBURY	FEB. 13, 1913	15015A
Scale: 1" = 20'			

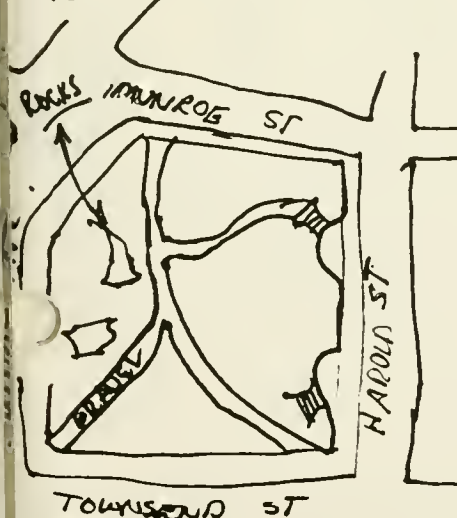
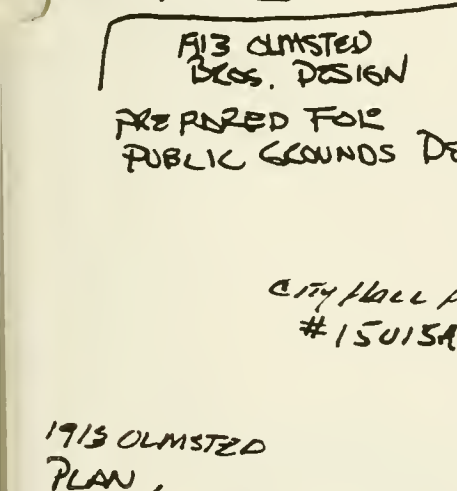
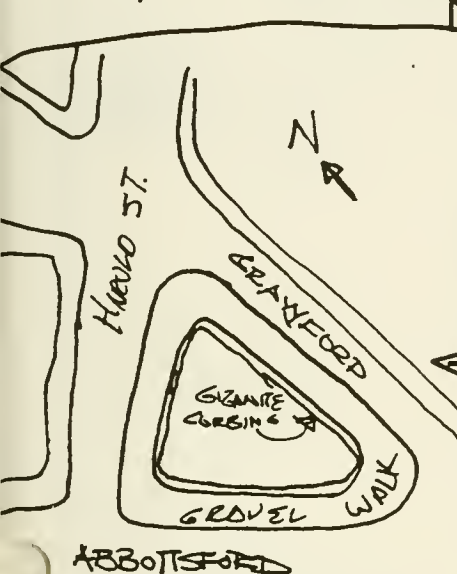
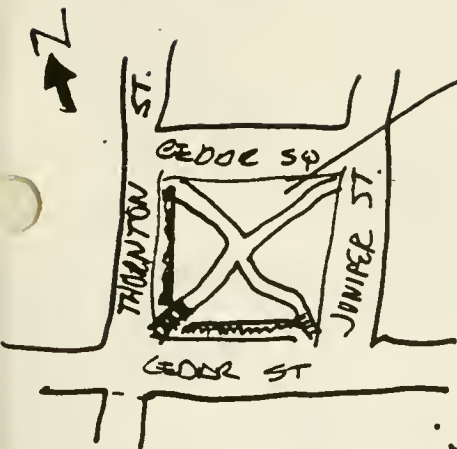
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☐ Other.....

Location Ref.: TOWNSEND ST WALNUT AVE, MUNROE ST

Remarks: Alter #15272 - Laska Asin. Design. i. 1965 (4 Plans)





Location <b>HEATH SQUARE</b>	District <b>ROXBURY</b>	Plan Date <b>MAR 14 1913</b>	Plan No. <b>15006</b>
		Scale: 1" = 20'	
Plan Title: <b>TOPO OF HEATH SQUARE (Roxbury)</b>			
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Location Ref.: <i>Heath Sq. Topo map dated 4-14-1913 by Olmsted Bros. prepared for Public Grounds Dept.</i>			

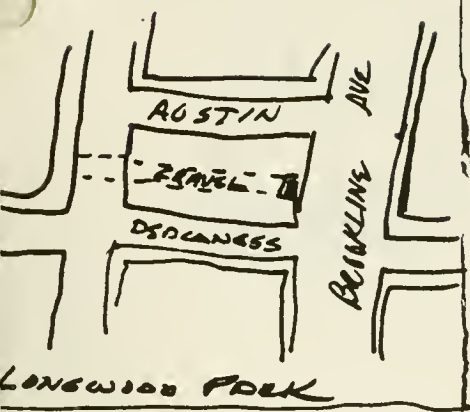
Location <b>Highland Park</b>	District <b>Roxbury</b>	Plan Date <b>JUN 25 1912</b>	Plan No. <b>15220</b>
		Scale: 1" = 20'	
Plan Title: <b>Plan For General Development</b>			
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Location Ref.: <i>Roxbury draw</i>			
Remarks: <i>15048 = Olmsted Topo (19-?)</i>			

Location <b>LINWOOD PARK</b>	District <b>ROXBURY</b>	Plan Date <b>MAR 21 1913</b>	Plan No. <b>15203</b>
		Scale: 1" = 10'	
Plan Title: <b>TOPO OF LINWOOD PARK (Roxbury)</b>			
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Location Ref.: <i>4-21-1913</i>			
Remarks: <i>Topo Map dated 1913 by Olmsted Bros. prepared for Public Grounds Dept.</i>			





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Location LONGWOOD PARK	District ROXBURY	Plan Date Feb 5 1913	Plan No. 15205. (15008 B) (2 sheet)
Scale: 1" = 26'			

Plan Title: TORO OF LONGWOOD PARK

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Longwood Park Toro Map dated 2-8-1913 by Chas. Bros. prepared by Public Works Department. MICROFILM

Location ? MADISON SQUARE	District ROXBURY	Plan Date April 7 1928	Plan No. 15234
Scale: 1" = 20'			

Plan Title: Excavating, Leaming, Drainage and Concrete M

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Location Ref.:

Remarks: PLAN 15234A NOT QUOTED FROM PLAN

Location MADISON SQUARE	District ROXBURY	Plan Date July 6 1912	Plan No. 15000
Scale: 1" = 40'			

Plan Title: PLAN FOR PAVING & DRAINAGE

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Location Ref.: Yes, Allocated Bros. Design "Plan for

Remarks: Excavating and drainage" prepared

*within  
Jordan  
Park*

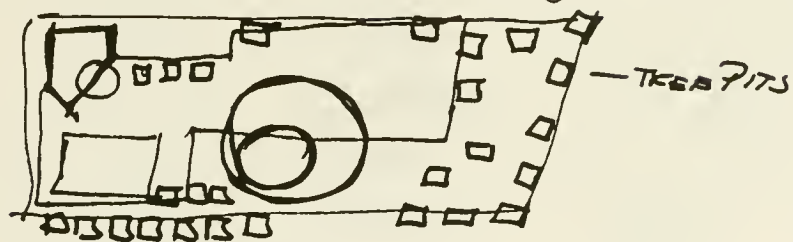
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not a  
Public  
Grounds  
Dept (88)*

*This is  
Allocated job #*



ORCHARD PARK  
PLAN #15314A

VOLUME & ASSOCIATES 1960s(?) OR 70s(?) NO DATE  
ON PLAN.







Didn't  
 find  
 any  
 1913  
 Plans  
 approved  
 limited  
 report  
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 Park

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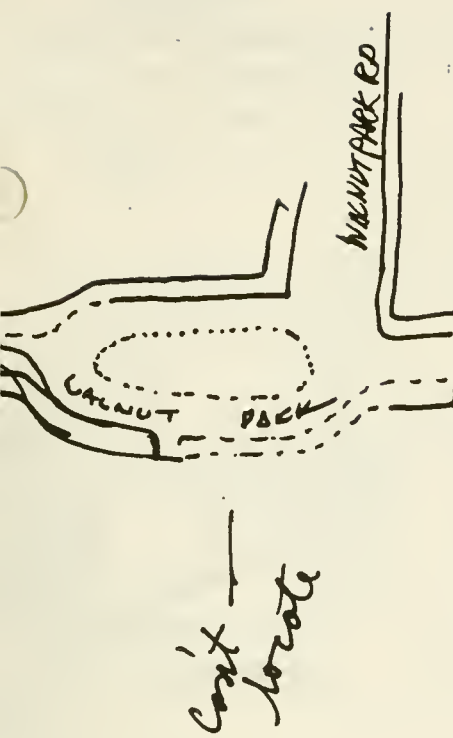
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Location Ref.:

Remarks





Location <b>WALNUT PARK</b>	District <b>ROXBURY</b>	Plan Date <b>APRIL 2 1913</b>	Plan No. <b>15203</b>
Scale: 1" = 20'			

Plan Title: <b>TOPO OF WALNUT PARK</b>					
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Location Ref.: <b>Walnut Park Zone Map dated 4-2-1913 by</b>
Remarks: <b>Altered Bros. prepared for Public Grounds Dept.</b>

Location <b>Washington Park</b>	District <b>ROXBURY</b>	Plan Date <b>FEB 7 1913</b>	Plan No. <b>15213</b>
Scale: 1" = 20'			

Plan Title: <b>Topographical Map of Washington Park</b>					
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Location Ref.:
Remarks:

Location <b>Washington Park</b>	District <b>ROXBURY</b>	Plan Date <b>MAY 21 1929</b>	Plan No. <b>15235</b>
Scale: 1" = 30'			

Plan Title: <b>Concrete Walks in Washington Park</b>					
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Location Ref.:
Remarks: <b>PLAN # 15235A NOT AN ALMSTEAD FARM</b>



REMARKS

TOPO MAP PREPARED  
FOR PUBLIC GROUNDS  
DEPT BY ULMSTED  
BROS.

DATE JAN 27, 1913

Location Independence Sq.

District Sa. Bos.

Plan Date 1874  
Scale: 1/4" = 1'

16010  
MICROFILM

Plan Title: Detail of Found. of Steps

☐ Sketch ☐ Prelim. ☐ Contract ☐ Record ☐ Dept. Plan ☐ Other

Information:

☐ Drains ☐ Buildings ☐ Walls  
☐ Water ☐ Structures ☐ Grades  
☐ Electric ☐ Walks ☐ Contours  
☐ Gas ☐ Roads ☐ Trees  
☐ Play Equipment ☐ Property Line ☒ Detail  
☐ Other.....

Location Ref.: Corner of N & 2nd Sts

Location

District

Plan Date

Plan No.

INDEPENDENCE  
SQUARE

SOUTH BOSTON

JAN 27 1913

16015A

Scale: 1" = 30'

Plan Title: TOPO MAP

☐ Sketch ☐ Prelim. ☐ Contract ☐ Record ☐ Dept. Plan ☐ Other

Information:

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☐ Other STAIRS.....

Location Ref.:

Remarks: MOUNTED ON CLOTH - SEE 16274-A  
FOR TRACING

Location

District

Plan Date

Plan No.

LINCOLN SQUARE

SOUTH BOSTON

FEB 5, 1913

162171

Scale: 1" = 20'

16010C

Plan Title: TOPOGRAPHICAL PLAN

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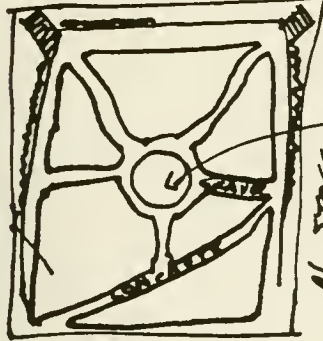
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Remarks: ULMSTED PLAN FOR PUBLIC GROUNDS

16217B DEPARTMENT FOR LINCOLN Sq - FEB. 5, 1913.

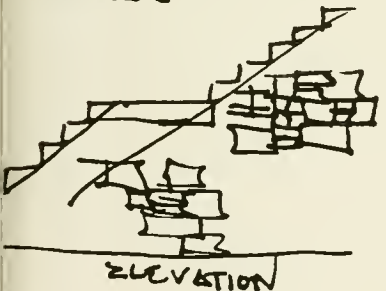
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EAST BROADWAY

PLAN # 16251A  
FOR INDEPENDENCE Sq.  
1933 DEPICTS  
2. SECOND STREET  
CLOSED AND PARK  
EXTENDED ALONG  
FORMER STREET.

16011B  
OLDEN #16010B  
NO ULMSTED BROS.  
SIGNET -  
C1874 ELEVATION  
OF ENTRANCE  
STEPS TO  
INDEPENDENCE  
SQ. RANDOM  
ASHRAE



ELEVATION

INDEPENDENCE Sq.  
STAIRS.



PLAN

25





Thomas Park

So Boston

Nov. 20, 1911

Plan No.

Scale: 1" = 40'

16027

Plan Title:

Thomas Park. So. Boston

☐ Sketch

☐ Prelim.

☐ Contract

☐ Record

☒ Dept. Plan

☐ Other

Information:

☐ Drains

☐ Water

☐ Electric

☐ Gas

☐ Play Equipment

☐ Other..... Area

☒ Buildings

☒ Structures

☒ Walks

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☐ Trees

☐ Detail

Location Ref.:

Remarks:

Location

South Boston  
Thomas Park

District

Plan Date

Plan No.

Scale: =

Plan Title:

☐ Sketch

☐ Prelim.

☐ Contract

☐ Record

☐ Dept. Plan

☐ Other

Information:

☐ Drains

☐ Water

☐ Electric

☐ Gas

☐ Play Equipment

☐ Other.....

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☐ Property Line

☐ Walls

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Location Ref.:

Location

THOMAS PARK

District

SOUTH BOSTON

Plan Date

JAN. 22 1913

Plan No.

16225 A

Scale: 1" = 20'

Plan Title:

TOPO MAP OF THOMAS PARK

☐ Sketch

☐ Prelim.

☐ Contract

☐ Record

☐ Dept. Plan

☐ Other

Information:

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☐ Water

☐ Electric

☐ Gas

☐ Play Equipment

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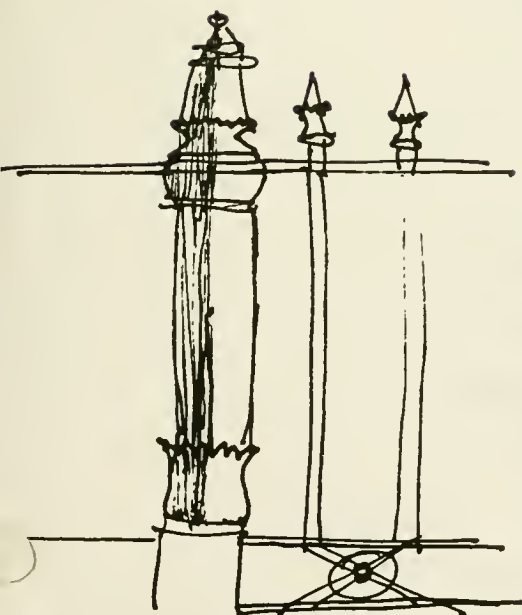
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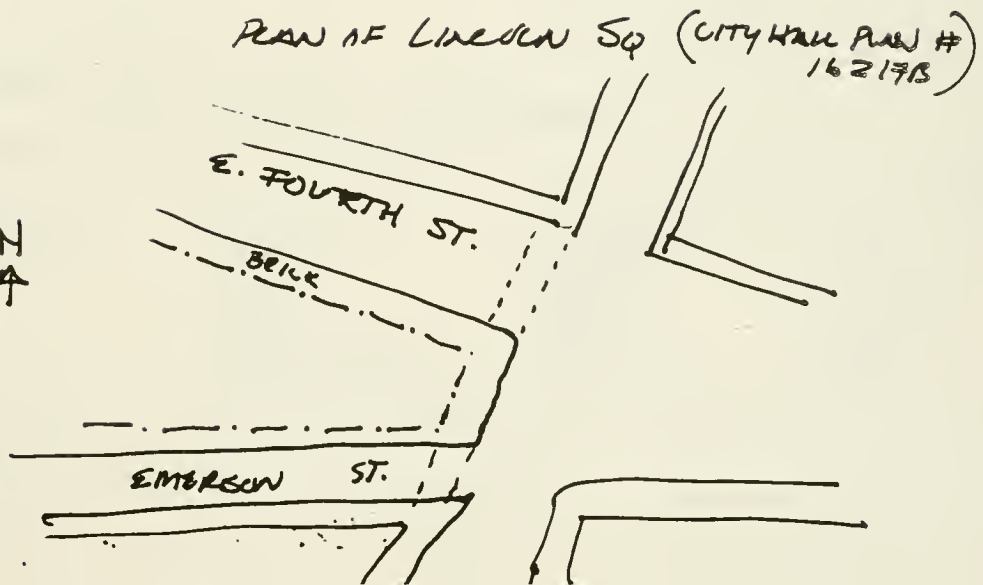
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DETAIL OF IRON  
FENCE FOR  
LINCOLN SQ.





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Scale: 1" = 50'			

Plan Title: **TEMP. CONNECTION WITH LAGRANGE ST SEWE**

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Location Ref.:

Location <b>BILLINGS FIELD</b>	District <b>ROSLINDALE</b>	Plan Date <b>APRIL 23 1912</b>	Plan No. <b>10202 C</b>
Scale: 1" = 150'			

Plan Title: **DRAIN THROUGH DANA ESTATE**

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Location Ref.:

Remarks.....

Location <b>BILLINGS FIELD</b>	District <b>ROSLINDALE</b>	Plan Date <b>JULY 25 1899</b>	Plan No. <b>10201 C</b>
Scale: 1/2" = 1'			

Plan Title: **REGULATING MANHOLE**

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Location Ref.:

Remarks.....



Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
Billings Field	West Roxbury	Aug 1917	10205
Scale: $\frac{1}{4}" = 1'$			

Plan Title: Grading, Drainage and Concrete work

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SECTION  
OF CONCRETE  
BLEACHERS  
W/OUT OLIVEST BRKS.  
PLAN.

ALSO PLAN #10206A  
CONTAINS 2 BILLINGS  
FIELD DATE: 1917

Location Ref.:

Remarks.....

Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
Murphy, John W.	West Roxbury	July 1916	10203A
Scale: $\frac{1}{4}" = 1'$			

Plan Title: Murphy Playground, Grading and Completing

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Location Ref.:

Location	District	Plan Date	Plan No.
PARKMAN, FRANCIS Playground	West Roxbury	MAR. 5. 1925	10217A
Scale: $1" = 20'$			

Plan Title: Building Stone Hall and Grading

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APPENDIX D





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## LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS

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### Olmsted Playground Designs (Plans)

1. Plan of Bennett Playground. F.L. & J. C. Olmsted, 1897.
2. Plan of Mercer Street Playground. F.L. & J.C. Olmsted, 1897.
3. Plan of Dorchester Avenue Playground. F.L. & J.C. Olmsted, 1897.
4. Plan of Western Avenue Playground. Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, 1897.

### Olmsted #950 Project (Plans)

5. Lincoln Square, South Boston. Olmsted Bros., 1913.
6. Cedar Square, Roxbury Highlands. Olmsted Bros., 1913.
7. Elm Hill Park, Roxbury. Olmsted Bros., 1913.
8. Linwood Park, Roxbury Highlands. Olmsted Bros., 1913.
9. Harold Square, Roxbury. Olmsted Bros. 1913.

### Olmsted Small Parks Designs (Plans)

10. Plan of Brighton Park, Brighton.
11. Plan of Orchard Park, Roxbury. Olmsted Bros., 1913.
12. Plan of Madison Square, Roxbury. Olmsted Bros., 1912.
13. Plan of Harris Park, Olmsted Bros., 1912.
14. Detail of Fence around Independence Square, 1868.



Conditions of Open Spaces (Site Photographs)

15. M Street Playground, South Boston. View looking east. OOE Project #925, 1897.
16. M Street Playground, South Boston. View looking west. OOE Project #925, 1897.
17. M Street Playground, South Boston. Stairway to playground. OOE Project #925, 1897.
18. M Street Playground, South Boston. Bleachers. OOE Project #925, 1897.
19. M Street Playground, South Boston. General view. OOE Project #925, 1897.
20. Savin Hill Beach, Dorchester. View looking west. OB Project #962.
21. Savin Hill Beach, Dorchester. View looking east. OB Project #962.
22. Savin Hill Beach, Dorchester. Monument on site. OB Project #962.
23. Savin Hill Beach, Dorchester. View looking west. OB Project #962.
24. Ripley Playground, Dorchester. OOE Project #967, 1897.
25. Ripley Playground, Dorchester. OOE Project #967, 1897.
26. Orchard Park, Roxbury. General view. OB Project #938, 1913.
27. Orchard Park, Roxbury. General view. OB Project #938, 1913.
28. Billings Field, West Roxbury. General view. OOE Project #904, 1897.



29. Billings Field, West Roxbury. General view. OOE Project #904,  
1897.
30. Richardson Square, Dorchester. View looking east. OB Project  
#950, 1913.
31. Richardson Square, Dorchester. View looking west. OB Project  
#950, 1913.
32. Richardson Square, Dorchester. General view. OB Project #950,  
1913.







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